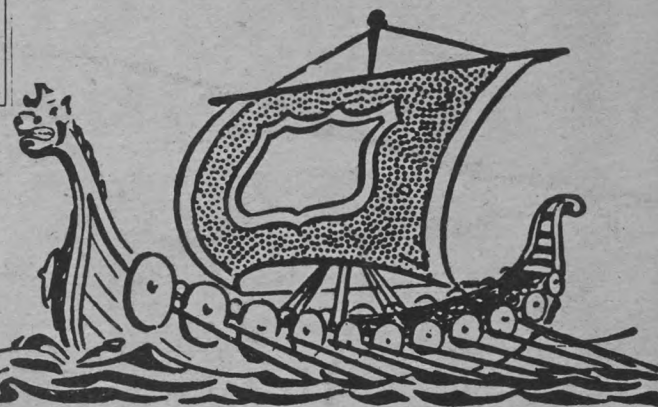


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DANISH CHURCH HISTORY

By Holger N. Madsen

It was indeed a pleasure to receive the following thesis of Pastor Holger N. Madsen, newly delegated minister of the Edmonton Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church. It is "A History of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America". We were delighted that he is allowing us to reproduce it specially for the readers of The Scandinavian Centre News. We know that the Danish people especially will enjoy it as it is the only history of the church in existence. Arrangements are in progress at the present time to have it published in book form. It is the expressed wish of Pastor Madsen that his thesis not be reproduced in any way without first obtaining permission from him. A copy is already in the Alberta Provincial Museum and Archives in Edmonton.

A HISTORY OF THE WEST CANADA DISTRICT OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

A Thesis Presented to the Lutheran Faculty of Theology
By Holger N. Madsen, April 1964
PREFACE

The motivation to write this historical account of the West Canada District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, came quite accidentally. Another topic had been chosen for my thesis, and it had been approved by the Seminary faculty. But the honest admission of my Canadian Church History professor, Walter Frietag, that "We just don't have any information on the West Canada District of the UELC*," motivated me to explore this avenue. After a year-and-a-half of research, I must confess that another year-and-a-half would be required to make this a complete history.

Since the West Canada District of the UELC* was always numerically small, the minutest details have been recorded in the sources. It was not possible to include every detail having historical value and significance in a thesis of this size. The process which has been employed in this venture has been one of sifting and sorting. My main purpose has been to present an image of the West Canada District of the UELC*. This image has been arrived at by selecting these historical facts which molded a dozen or more far-flung congregations into a unity called the West Canada District.

This experience of following the pioneers and their families into the trackless plains and

valleys of Western Canada has been rewarding beyond all expectations. The faith and the fortitude of the pioneer pastors has made me much more appreciative of The American Lutheran Church as it now exists in Western Canada. But without the willing co-operation and help of pastors and laymen in former UELC* parishes, any attempt to assimilate sufficient material for such a history as this would have been hopeless. To all who have provided information so generously I say thank you.

Let me hasten to add that it was impossible to use all the data received because of limitations of time and space. I trust that no congregation will feel slighted because its full history does not appear in the following pages.

I wish also to express my gratitude to Professor Frietag for his assistance and encouragement in this project. Last but not least, I want to thank my parents and my wife; my parents because they took the time to teach me to read and write the Danish language, without which ability I would have had to rely upon others for the translation for this study; I want to thank my wife because she has been willing to try to perfect my imperfections, in both Danish and English, and because she has shared my enthusiasm in this project.

Ultimately, however, the greatest thanks is due to God. For it was He who led these pioneers to lay the foundations for the bridges over which we now walk. The greatest tribute which we can pay to their labors is to continue under God to build bigger and better bridges over which more of our children can walk as they come to see the glory of God.

CHAPTER I THE PROMISED LAND

"... to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land flowing..." (Ex. 3:8).

Letting the window shade fall back into place, the young man took a seat on a keg of bicycle spokes. (1) A sharp, wintery wind blowing off the Missouri River rattled the loose window panes in Larsen's Cycle Shop. But the assembled group paid it no heed. Their thoughts were far away, beyond that little Cycle Shop in Omaha, Nebraska. They weren't concerned at the time with the trials and the troubles of 1902. They had visions of the future. (2)

They were an odd group. There was a gardener, a blacksmith, a cabinet-maker, a bricklayer, a farmer, among others. (3) Despite their diversity, they did have some things in common. First, they were all Danes; secondly, they were all itching to seek their fortunes in Canada. (4) Had one been able to look at the maps and the charts hung upon several bicycle frames, it would soon have become clear that their main concern was an area about 22 miles west of Innisfail, Alberta. (5)

It was decided that Jens Larsen, the cyclesmith, and Henry Larson, the bricklayer, should depart for the "Land of the Future" within a month's time. Their task was to see whether the land was as promising as the C.P.R. land-agent had been saying. (6) A basic attraction was his assertion that 160 acres were available per family without cost for use as a Homestead. When contrasted with the struggle for survival on 15 acres of rented land in the Missouri River Valley, this was very persuasive. (7)

By the time the scouts arrived in the Promised Land, it was winter. Snow lay deep on the virgin country. Sharp frosts had silenced the gurgling creeks and sealed the sodden swamps. Stopping in

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(1) Although not specifically recorded, the available material makes such a situation appear likely.

(2) Dickson Koloniens Historie, Et Mindeskrift om vore Pionerer. Samlet af en komite. Udgivet af Bethania Lutherske menighed, med henblik paa Koloniens forestaanende Jubilaeumsfest. (Blair, Nebraska: Lutheran Publishing House, 1948), p. 3. Hereafter referred to as Dickson. (dt.)

(3) Hans Hansen, "Men of Faith and Action", Church and Home, XXIV, No. 13 (July 29, 1954), p. 3.

(4) Dickson, p. 3. (dt)

(5) Ibid. (dt)

(6) Ibid., p. 4. (dt)

(7) Ibid., p. 3. (dt)

Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest

The Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest this year will be held in conjunction with the 10th Anniversary of the Scandinavian Centre—the completion of the building at 14220 - 125 Ave. in Edmonton. This will be held on Fri., June 21.

Each year a Queen is chosen from five contestants who represent the five Scandinavian groups—Danes, Finns, Icelanders, Norwegians and Swedes.

In order to familiarize you with the rules of the contest Margaret Cameron, Culture Director for the Centre, has written the following:

Here are the guide lines or rules for the Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest. Every contest should have some rules, or as I wish to call them "guide lines" for our contest. For those who wish to recommend a girl for the contest the first question is, "what are the qualifications?"

1. She or her parents should be members of the Scandinavian Centre—that means be a shareholder.

2. She should be of Scandinavian origin.

3. She should be old enough to attend and represent the Scandinavian Centre at adult functions where liquor may be served.

4. She should not be a reigning Queen of any of the five ethnic groups. If a reigning queen became Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen, this could cause complications. My thoughts are to try to keep this contest interesting and not putting too much pressure on any one girl—

also giving all the girls equal consideration.

I sincerely wish to see our Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest active and enjoyable for all. If there is anyone who would wish to present some new ideas or suggestions to improve the program in any way I think this should be discussed at the general meetings or a meeting of the Cultural committee of the Scandinavian Centre. □



Donna Cameron being crowned Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1973-74 by retiring Queen Janna Geitel.

Norway-America Assoc.

The objective of the Norway-America Association is "to promote cultural and practical cooperation between Norway on the one side and the United States and Canada on the other".

The Association tries to fulfill this objective by three principal

means:

- meetings, film shows, exhibitions, etc., on Norwegian-American themes
- information on study possibilities and assistance to American and Norwegian students

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* United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1947-1960.

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Have you ordered your tickets for Mother's Day Dinner yet? If not, please call the Centre or any member of the board. For your convenience reserve seats are available through Mrs. Per Nielsen, 436-4109. There are two sittings planned: one from 2-4 p.m. and the other from 5-8 p.m. on Mother's Day, May 12. Tickets are \$5.00 per adult and \$2.25 per child. Let your neighbors know about this event and maybe they, too, would like to come and enjoy Mother's Day at the newly re-decorated Scandinavian Centre.

ANNIVERSARY

Don't forget the 10th Anniversary of the Scandinavian Centre (building) coming up on June 21, 1974. This will be a gala evening with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$15.00 per couple or \$7.50 each. This will be a special evening as the crowning of the new Scandinavian Centre Queen will also take place.

COFFEE PARTY

It is hoped that you all will attend the coffee party scheduled for June 9 at the Centre at 2 p.m. This will be the girls' first interview with the judges prior to crowning of the new Queen on June 21. During the afternoon of June 9 the girls will be interviewed individually by each judge on points such as poise, personality, talent, etc., as mentioned earlier by the Cultural Director.

ARCHIVES

The Swedish group arranged a program at the Museum Archives on April 28 and the Icelandic group will perform theirs on May 5. Hope to see you there.

RADIO REPORT

Speedy recovery to our radio reporter, Les Greenham, who was hospitalized recently. Please phone Les at 455-0082 regarding the news.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

WHAT IS A MOTHER

A Mother is a wonderful creature constructed almost entirely of love, and this she can express in a million ways from hugs and kisses and good cooking and patient listening, to stern lectures and strict rules and repeated use of the word, "no".

Like snowflakes, no two Mothers are alike but they have a number of things in common. Name anything—a Mother can be found washing it, roasting it, polishing it, getting rid of it, repairing it, spanking it, packing it, teaching it, redecorating it, loving it, or talking it over at P.T.A.

A Mother cares about, and for almost everything—gardens, pets, the state of the nation, the worn spot in the rug, hungry people, and most of all, father and her children. For these she can do anything necessary for their happiness.

A Mother is not always an angel. She will often disagree with you, expect too much of you, criticize your choice of friends, and bring up the subject of work when you feel the least energetic. But she's always ready to help when you need her.

You don't always tell a Mother how much you love her or how much you wish the most wonderful things in the world will come to her because there are no words that express feelings so deep and sincere. Somehow, though, you feel she understands what's in your heart. Mothers always do. □

Franzen Talk Big Success

Over two hundred people came to the Scandinavian Centre on March 10 to hear Prof. Gösta Franzen from the University of Chicago speak on Vikings and literature. Dr. Christopher Hale, in charge of Scandinavian studies at the University of Alberta, was master of ceremonies. In addition to the talk entertainment was provided. Randy Morse and Cathy Andrews sang several Swedish songs, and the Swedish Folk Dancers gave a lively and entertaining repeat performance of the dances they did in Scandapades.

With the aid of slides Prof. Franzen discussed the history of Viking activities in Europe and North America, interspersed with entertaining anecdotes and humor. Especially interesting was his delineation of the geographic areas dominated by the three Viking groups—Danish, Norwegian and Swedish. He spent some time in discussing the spread of legends throughout the Scandinavian area, as well as some enlightening comments on runic inscriptions. Furthermore he showed how the "Viking spirit" still lives in North

America.

A delightful luncheon was provided by the women of the Icelandic Society, Sons of Norway and Vasa Lodge which was served by the Scandinavian queens. After the luncheon there was an opportunity to meet and talk with Prof. Franzen.

The following day he gave a public lecture on the same topic at the University of Alberta. He also spent some time there with students in Scandinavian studies. ***

THANK YOU

"I should like to express my gratitude to the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, The Sons of Norway—Solglyt Lodge, Torske Klubben and the Swedish Society—Vasa Lodge for their financial assistance together with the University of Alberta in bringing Prof. Franzen to Edmonton. Also I want to thank the people involved in the planning of this visit and the ladies' auxiliaries of those Scandinavian societies participating for the lovely luncheon at the Scandinavian Centre." Christopher Hale □

MULTICULTURALISM

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW CANADIAN POLICY ON MULTICULTURALISM*

By Paul H. T. Thorlakson, C.C., M.D.**

What is Multiculturalism? What is its significance for the 70 or more ethnic groups which now make up the Canadian population? It is official recognition of the contribution that all racial groups are making to the "cultural enrichment of Canada" and describes "measures that are being taken to safeguard that contribution".

On Oct. 8, 1971, the Prime Minister of Canada stated in the House of Commons that; "it was the view of the Royal Commission, shared by the Government and, I am sure, by all Canadians, that there cannot be one cultural policy for Canadians of British and French origin, another for the original peoples and yet a third for all others. For although there are two official languages, there is no official culture, nor does any ethnic group take precedence over any other. No citizen or group of citizens is other than Canadian, and all should be treated fairly."

The term Multiculturalism is not new but now all Canadian citizens are being encouraged and, when necessary, assisted to learn and cultivate an interest in, and knowledge of, the cultural heritage of other countries including the country or countries from which their ancestors came originally to Canada. The North American Indians with their diversity of cultures and the Eskimo people are included in this program.

Each group is free to determine its own special interests and needs. We have at last, learned that it is dangerous and imprudent to be in too much of a hurry to blot out our differences in an attempt to create a uniform mould for all Canadians. After all, it takes several generations—possibly two or three centuries—of mixing and mingling to create a distinctive national identity. The present policy is not narrow or restricted; it is broad and all-encompassing. Today, millions of people travel to many foreign lands but we have an excellent opportunity to learn a great deal about other countries, their people and their cultures right here at home.

We are living in an age of rapidly changing attitudes and values in every field of human activity: politics, science, education, religion, medicine, communication, and travel. Nor are music or other forms of artistic expression immune in this respect. True, this is a turbulent, difficult and somewhat confusing period in human history but whatever problems we may encounter, one important and promising fact is clear; there is now a steadily increasing degree of inter-racial understanding and tolerance in Canada. Moreover, there now exist—as never before—endless opportunities for learning, research and travel. It is therefore a great time to be a Canadian, whatever our ancestry or combina-

tion of ancestries may be.

Cultural exchange between the different countries of the world is being promoted. We applaud enthusiastically whenever our artists in ballet or music perform with credit to themselves and to Canada in foreign lands. (International understanding is enhanced when our Canadian and Russian hockey teams draw many millions of people together with the aid of the modern miracle of the television screen.)

Cultural Exchange within our own country describes exactly what our Federal Government is attempting to achieve by recognizing the inescapable fact that, although officially bilingual, Canada is a multicultural nation. Let us also acknowledge another inescapable fact, that the French speaking Canadians have rendered Canada a distinct and lasting service by persisting in their efforts to maintain a strong interest in the French language and culture. Without this effort, we would not now be discussing the importance and value of the new policy on multiculturalism.

In all these discussions it seems only natural that we take the English language for granted

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Astrid Hope
COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 11

"Syttende Mai" Banquet and Dance

Friday, May 17

Second annual "Syttende Mai" Parade

See details further on in this article.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the parents and grandparents of the following:

1. Evelyn and Gary Johnson—the proud parents of their daughter, Michelle Marie, born on Jan. 13. Edith and Cliff Johnson, being the happy grandparents of their first granddaughter.

2. Heather and Brian Nilsen are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 25, with the happy grandparents being Johanne and Norman Nilsen—their first granddaughter, too.

3. Isabelle and Nels Mjaatveit are the proud grandparents of a baby boy, Grant Alin, born March 29. Marilyn and Harry are pleased to be the parents of their first child.

There was only a fair attendance at the Hard-Time Dance held March 16 in the Viking Room. A really good time was reported by all those present and the music was very good. Orla Tychsen, again, was the winner of 1st prize for the ladies' costume, and Doug Petersen won the men's.

A large number of the Sons of Norway members went to Jasper on a skiing expedition April 4-7 weekend. Skiing conditions were excellent. While there, all were guests of the Whistler's Youth Hostel. The following are the members who participated: Eleanor and Anders Anderson and family, Inge Anderson and family, Alice Stewart and family, Lois and Ellsworth Halberg and boys, Knut Svidal and boys, Lillian, Helge Nilsen, Leis Verkland and family. A great time was had by all.

Glad to hear Dick Larson has been home from hospital a week (at the time of this writing) and is recuperating nicely.

Also, Jim McDonald is home after his operation and is feeling much better.

Ragna Sivertson spent three weeks in Calgary with members of her family, following the "Torske Klubben" luncheon in March.

Mr. Severin Hope, Astrid Hope's father-in-law, passed away in hospital March 14, following a heart attack. He was 87 years of age.

Evelyn and Gary Johnson spent four days in Las Vegas recently. Edith and Cliff Johnson were doing the babysitting at that time.

Johanne and Norman Nilsen came home March 25 from a three-week vacation in Hawaii. Glad to hear Johanne is well again to enjoy fun in the sun.

Doreene and Del Melsness went to Uranium City, March 29 and the week-end, and were invited to their Winter Festival while there.

Arne and Mary Gulbrandsen are leaving April 15 for Oslo, Norway, for one month. Hopefully, the fireman's strike wouldn't interfere with their plans. They will be meeting with Doris and Lloyd Stein who are leaving April 22 for Oslo. While there, they will be attending "Syttende Mai"

celebrations in Oslo and will also be visiting other parts of Norway and Sweden.

Selma Sorenson left Easter Monday with her grandson, Sidney, for Chauvin, Alta., for one week, to visit with her mother, Mrs. Bert Johnson.

Alice Stewart went to Kelowna with two of her children, Deryl and Cheryl for the Easter week. George, apparently, will join them later.

On April 13 there was another meeting of the Supreme Convention Committee. Those present were: Ed Ness, Roy Swanberg from Calgary; Knut Svidal, Harv Haugen, Wally Broen, Gladys Clark from Edmonton; Ross Anderson from Camrose; Dave Petersen from Claresholm; Andy Haugen from Grande Prairie; Donna Glendenning of Calgary was present—a representative of the Youth group; and Astrid Hope of Edmonton, a representative of the Cultural Displays for Banff Convention being held Aug. 21-24, 1974.

Knut Svidal will be attending a Supreme Directors Board meeting in Minneapolis April 25-26. On the way home he will be opening up a new Lodge in Libby, Montana.

On May 7-8-9, Astrid Hope will be in Vancouver to attend the Saskatoon City Hospital Alumnae reunion, with the Vancouver S.C.H. Alumnae being hosts. The group are going via chartered plane. While there, she will be visiting with her son, Edwin, and family who now live in Richmond, B.C.

DON'T FORGET

1. Syttende Mai Banquet and Dance, May 11. Tickets are: Adults \$6.00 each, \$4.25 for children and may be obtained by phoning Ole Vold at 476-5922 or Wally Broen at office 474-2006. The deadline for tickets is Wed., May 8.

2. "Syttende Mai" Parade, May 17. Plans are being made for the second annual parade. Every Norwegian, (or anyone of Norwegian descent or association or wish they were!) please plan to come out in costume, flags, or as you are, but PLEASE COME OUT to parade down Jasper Ave. to City Hall starting at 105 St. at 10 a.m., one hour earlier than last year, to enable the children to return to their classrooms in good time. At City Hall there will be the Proclamation made, followed by the Flag Raising Ceremony. Please phone Astrid Hope at 469-4747 for information.

Agnes Burt is spending an Easter vacation at the west coast visiting her father in New Westminster, and brothers and sisters in White Rock and Surrey, B.C.

Beatrice and Harry Huser left Thursday for an Easter vacation in Vancouver.

Lois Halberg will be the correspondent for June. If you have any news to report, please phone her at 466-9344. □

HYDRO POWER

Norway, a major producer of hydroelectric power, will now use windmills as an alternative source of energy for her radio link system. The first windmill has been installed on top of a 140-foot high radio link mast on a mountain peak in central Norway.

Const. Ray Carey Torske Klubben Speaker

At the monthly luncheon meeting of Torske Klubben another speaker from the Edmonton City Police spoke to the members. Const. P. C. (Ray) Carey is Section Supervisor of Field Safety and Driver Training. In his talk he spoke about "Residential Security".

Many thefts take place because they are made easy. Look about you, at home and in your business operation, whether you are a home owner or an apartment dweller, an employer or an employee, are you leaving a door open to crime?

The average thief, in order to operate effectively, is dependent upon the lack of concern displayed generally by the public for proper security measures both around the home and in business.

His first concern is for his well being. The last thing a thief wants is to be caught. To ensure that he will not be disturbed he will scout a district looking for tell-tale signs which denote that a house is unattended. Additionally he looks for a home that can be entered quickly and quietly and surprisingly he is most successful in that far too many people will, through force of habit, leave a window open, a door unlocked, or their garage door wide open.

If a concerted effort is made by the community to tighten up security in all areas the thief will be hard pressed to find accessible targets to attack. Granted some will become more expert in their field, however those who now plague us will find it most difficult to survive.

Police investigations show that locking devices on most burglarized homes were woefully inadequate and, in many cases, could easily be circumvented by a child. GOOD, TOUGH LOCKS will deter all but the most determined criminal.

During the year just completed, residential break and enters were up 15% over the previous year totalling 4,523. The value of property stolen during these break and enters totalled \$800,000.00. Property recovered as the result of subsequent investigations amounted to \$25,000.00.

The dollar loss to the community as you will see is most substantial. Proper security, around the home, is the key to crime prevention. Check the entry locks used in your home or apartment. Will they do the job? Better still, do you use them at all times? Of the 3,736 homes and apartments illegally entered in 1973, access to 1,080 was made easy because a door or window was left unlocked. Of the 787 private garages entered, 588 were left unlocked, making entry no more than child's play.

Check the locks on your front and rear entrance doors and your garage. To provide any degree of security they should be of the dead-locking latch bolt type. If such is not the case consideration should be given to having the latch bolt replaced or in turn an auxiliary lock installed which cannot be cheated.

If there is glass in or near either of your entrance doors which, if broken, will allow someone to reach in and unlock the door by turning the door knob, or where the same can be accomplished by reaching through the milk chute door, then an auxiliary lock should be installed.

Whether you are home or not get in the habit of leaving your

S/ N Culture Activities

Edmonton Elementary Grade 3's are currently studying about Norway. Most of the teachers claim there isn't that much information in the libraries, so I have been approached to show displays of Norwegian artifacts, crafts and wares, also show slides and most popular of all is the answering of the many questions the students have prepared. The students of the schools have shown really great interest in what I have brought for the displays, and time has usually run out. They also

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outside lights on. Lighting in itself is an adequate deterrent to the common thief. He can never be sure just who might be watching.

Many valuables are stored in the garage and again these should be kept under lock and key. Tools should be marked for identification and serial numbers recorded wherever possible.

Lock your car at all times and if you must store valuable property in the car, lock it in the trunk. To store property in the car in plain view is an invitation to the thief. Used stereo tapes are in great demand and can be readily sold.

Gardening tools, lawnmowers, bicycles and lawn furniture should be stored under lock and key. Serial numbers should be recorded, or in turn such equipment should be marked for identification purposes to aid in tracing them should they be stolen.

Serial numbers, for the purposes mentioned above, should be recorded for all items such as rifles, handguns, binoculars, cameras, radios and television sets, etc. Many items stolen are never returned to the owners for the simple reason that they cannot be identified.

WHEN AWAY FROM HOME FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME: Lock all doors and windows including the garage. Leave a radio on loud in the daytime and adjust drapes in the normal fashion. At night do exactly the same thing however leave at least one inside light on and all outside lights including those beamed on your garage.

ON VACATION: Institute a good neighbor policy. Have someone check the house and garage. Ensure that all deliveries are halted, mail, newspaper, milk and bread. Have porch and mailbox cleared of advertisements and flyers and the yard kept up. Have drapes alternated and lights turned on at night (an automatic switching device is available). Do not advertise that you will be away. □

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

Visiting Season In Full Swing For The Vigfussons

NORM, DORIS, SANDRA, DEAN, SHERRI, TREVOR & TRACEY

The Jonssons, Steini and Clara, kicked off the 1974 visiting season for them during the week of March 11, and it goes without saying they really enjoyed their company. Then the Greenhams, Les and Thorey, decided to impose upon their hospitality during the week of March 25-31 and let me tell you they are still the wonderful congenial family we have always known. But let me warn you, don't take on Trevor in a game of pool as he just might relegate you to the ranks of the defeated. As of this writing we know that Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson are now visiting them and it would be a safe wager to say that when they arrive back in Edmonton they, each, will be five pounds heavier. We conclude this paragraph by saying, "thank you" to the whole Vigfusson family for the wonderful hospitality they accorded us.

TOOTHACHE PROBLEMS

Herewith we prescribe a cure for toothache. First, if you are married then get yourself twin beds; secondly, take two aspirins every four hours; thirdly, drink a thousand c.c.s of water daily; and fourth, brush your teeth twice

a day. Do isometric exercises daily. If that doesn't work, get the darn thing yanked out.

JOYS OF LIVING

On April 8 the Saga Singers with all members, past and present, in attendance with the exception of two people who unfortunately couldn't make it, put on a farewell party for Dr. Cece Couves and his wife, Jo. There is only one way to describe the occasion: It was a fun evening. Gunnar Thorvaldson was Master of Ceremonies and is to be commended for an excellent job. Jo's mother, Mrs. Valgerdur Nordal, as well as her brother, Jonas, and sister-in-law, Maria, from Arborg, Man., were in attendance. Mrs. Della Roland presented Cece and Jo with two books. One was all about Canadian Arts and Paintings of the last four decades. The other one is titled *Prairie Boys Winter*, by Kureluk, a Canadian artist who was born in Manitoba, the contents being all about children growing up on the prairies. The Couves are going to take up residence in Newfoundland where Dr. Couves will continue his practise as a heart specialist. Make no mistake about it the Couves will certainly

be missed by all of us who know them.

The MacPhersons just recently arrived back from a holiday in Vancouver and, to use Lorne's words, it was a tremendous holiday with one exception, Lillian had tonsillitis for a couple of days. However, she is in perfect health now. Lillian said one of her highlights of the trip was seeing her new niece, Holly Bjarnason, of Vancouver. This is her brother's first child. We asked Lillian a couple of weeks ago how her parents were and she said her dad hadn't been feeling too well this past winter so we suggested that maybe Hafstein should come and partake of the good air we have in Alberta. Whereupon she instantly replied, you're right.

You know, there is another family we know of who receive quite a few visitors every year, namely, Clara and Steini Jonsson. The most recent one being Clara's brother, Charlie Watson, from Stonewall, Man. He spent the week of March 18-23 with them.

Our son, Rick Hawes, was an Easter holiday traveller this year. He travelled way up north to Fort McMurray to visit with his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Ken Jonah. Upon his return he appeared none the worse for the trip.

HOSPITALIZED

Yours truly has just returned home from the Misericordia Hospital where we had minor surgery. We are happy to report we are still all here (I think). We want to thank Dr. Ramage and his assistants, also all the nurses and orderlies, for taking such good care of me.

Also Martha Arnason spent a few days in Hospital just recently for minor surgery and they tell me she is back home now and feeling just great.

SILVER WEDDING

Our daughter, Karen, her husband, Ken, and his two brothers, Ron and Gordon, arranged a surprise silver wedding anniversary party for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Pearl Jonah, at the Ottewell Curling Club on Sat., April 20 and, believe me, it was a total surprise to them. About fifty persons were in attendance with about twenty of them from out of town. The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Bob's mother from Mission, B.C., and who will celebrate her 80th birthday the following week. Also Bob's sister, Gladys, and her son, Rick Newman, from New Westminster, B.C., were surprise guests. It was such a great evening nobody got home till the wee hours of the morning.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Leifur Oddson are PROUD to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Kathryn Oddson, to Darryll Helfenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Helfenstein. The ceremony will take place on Aug. 30, 1974 at Ascension Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Vigfusson are also proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Vigfusson, to Bert Stimson of Ardrossan, Alta. The ceremony will be performed at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park on Sept. 7, 1974.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the world's best mother-in-law, Mrs. Gudrun Vigfusson, of Selkirk, Man. on May 13.

Mrs. Josey Janssen of Red Deer on May 7.

That young rascal, Herb Vigfusson, on May 11.

Hal Vigfusson on May 29.

Congratulations also to a great future pianist, Miss Sherri

Vigfusson, of Cheney, Wash., on her 12th birthday, May 15.

Congratulations go out to Ted and Wendy Doray on the arrival of their first, a daughter, on April 17, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz.

We are happy to report that the Icelandic, Finnish, Swedish Dance on March 30 was a big success financially and everybody we talked to said what a wonderful time they had. As you know, this dance was originally sponsored by the Icelandic Society and it became evident four years ago that the Icelanders could not sponsor this alone any longer due to poor attendance and thanks to the Swedes and the Finlanders, they agreed to co-operate and help us to promote this into a successful evening. But we are very disappointed in the support from the Icelanders this year, we understand there were only about 12 in attendance. Next year the Icelanders are in charge of all arrangements so let us hope we have a little more enthusiasm on behalf of the Icelanders.

The information from the last Executive Meeting held at the home of Chris and Lara Hale on April 19 as we've been informed is that they've decided to continue with a one-day celebration at Markerville. The format will be much the same as in the past with the exception that it will be on a Saturday rather than Sunday and will wind up with a dance in the evening. Exact date will be announced in next month's issue. Indications are that it will be a huge success this year as everybody in Calgary, Red Deer and the people of Edmonton are very enthusiastic.

In reference to our questionnaire several months ago, we recently visited with Doris and she mentioned what a kick she got out of it and answered it immediately. However, she never mailed it. We shall now print her answers with her permission.

1. We'd certainly be there if we weren't so far away.
2. We bet on Greenham.
3. ?
4. Sounds like a great idea.
5. Take tents, sleeping bags, etc., and, by all means, take husband or wife. What did you mean by affair?
6. Didn't this year, but will next!
7. I look very much forward to reading the Icelandic Newsletter every month!
8. What is Thorrahlott? (Excuse my ignorance, but I'm German).
9. I believe that if I joined the Saga Singers that they would have to fold due to the unusual pitch of my voice. That no doubt comes from trying to discipline five children for the past nineteen years.

10. If Leifur runs that well, he should certainly try for the mayoralty race.
11. Very difficult to answer this question—it makes us homesick again, and thanks for thinking about us.

12. Norm for one, my turn in '75.
13. ?
14. Now there's a good question. My husband and I would love to join the Greenham-Halldorson Dance Studio. Please book us for August.

Enclosed with this was 1974 membership fee to the Icelandic Society, also a change of address: Box 253, 902 Summit Dr., Cheney, Wash. 99004. Also mentioned—Expo '74 is opening in Spokane on May 15. How many Edmontonians are attending? We only live 15 miles from Spokane so we'll see you this summer!

The Icelandic Lessons have now concluded—"Thak fyrir", Ninna and Lara.

WEDDING BELLS

Petruk -

Halldorson

Mount Zion Lutheran Church was the scene of a lovely wedding at 5 o'clock on Sat., April 13, 1974, when the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halldorson and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petruk were united in marriage. Pastor Russell Lemke officiated at this double-ring ceremony of Bonita Gail Halldorson and Nicholas John Petruk.

The bride looked radiant in her gown of white jersey featuring an empire waistline, long billowing sleeves and a built-in train. Her attendants, wearing short sleeved, yellow floral gowns, were her sister, Dianne DeRoo, matron of honor, Pat Chomyc and Linda Copeland, bridesmaids; and her niece, Karen Halldorson, the flower girl.

Attending the groom were cousin Grant Petruk as best man; Dennis Petruk, brother, and Ron Petruk, another cousin.

Ushers were Bob Halldorson and Ian Robinson.

Approximately 230 guests enjoyed a delicious meal following at the Scandinavian Centre. Pastor Lemke gave the grace. Les Greenham was Master of Ceremonies and also toasted the bride. Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of Wally Hapner.

Out-of-town guests were too numerous to mention, however, out of province guests were:

- N. Semenchuks — Thompson, Man.
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Petruk — Vancouver, B.C.
Mrs. O. Berezan — New Westminster, B.C.
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Gretsinger — Vancouver, B.C.
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Mark — Lundar, Man.
Miss Norma Mark — Lundar, Man.
Miss Marie Howardson — Winnipeg, Man.
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Halldorson & family — Saskatoon, Sask.
Mr. & Mrs. O. T. Kristjanson — Saskatoon, Sask.
Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Sigurdson — Winnipeg, Man.
Mrs. Bertha Tyndall — Winnipeg, Man.
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Thorsteinson — Winnipeg, Man.
Mrs. Gertrude Beckman — Glenboro, Man.

Following the gift-opening the next day at the groom's parents, a hot meal was served to all attending guests. The bride and groom left for a short honeymoon to Jasper, Alta.

My Angel Mother

God chose an angel from above,
An angel sweet and fair;
He placed a halo 'round her head
To match her silvery hair.

He gathered sunbeams for her smile,
From out the sky above;
He carved a heart of solid gold,
Then sprinkled it with love.

He picked the stars from out the sky,
To give her eyes of blue;
He gave her courage, hope and faith,
To last her whole life through.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The April meeting was held on April 6 at 7 p.m. with Eric Pierre as chairman. Following the meeting court whist was hosted by Charlie and Marjorie Leander. Thanks for a nice evening.

A number of people were down with the flu. Get well soon, folks.

Alma Samuelson and Harriet Nylen are in hospital.

Congratulations to Ray and Phyllis Wold on the birth of their daughter, Lisa Jane, on March 7.

Ivy and Andy Ogren have been visiting relatives in B.C.

Glen and Audrey Eliasson spent some time during the Easter holidays in B.C.

Bud and Gertrude Holmgren have also been visiting in Vancouver.

Willard and Evelyn Modin spent a few days at Radium.

Congratulations to Bruce Samuelson for receiving a trophy for the "Best Goalie" for the years 72-74 inclusive, in the Sherbrooke Community.

Congratulations to Wayne Modin who has earned another trip for his wife and himself for high sales—a Caribbean cruise.

COMING EVENTS

After the May meeting John Cumberbach will show several travel films in color on Sweden. These films have been obtained from the Royal Swedish Embassy

in Ottawa.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holmgren in St. Albert on Fri., May 10 at 8 p.m. This will be the last meeting for the season.

Don't forget Ernie Hokanson's Barbeque on June 2 from 12:00-1:30. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner at Vasa Club Pidgeon Lake.

Next meeting will be held on May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Nordic Room. John and Mona Cumberbach will be the host and hostess. This will also be the last meeting in the city. June meeting will be held in the Vasa Club House at Pidgeon Lake on June 1 at 7:30 with a sports dance to follow with Emil and Mildred Weiss as host and hostess.

The District Curling Bonspiel held at St. Albert on March 9 was a great success. Lethbridge took the Honors—High and Low.

The Curling was followed by a delicious banquet and lively dance. The excellent music was provided by Clarence Knutson and his band. Thanks to the local group who helped with the work and to all those who attended the activities.

The Curling and Bowling Wind-Up Bavarian Night and Dance will be held in the Club House at Pigeon Lake on Sat., May 25. Come and join us—we're hoping for a good attendance.

Swedish Ambassador Expelled

Diplomatic relations between Sweden and Chile have not been affected since expulsion of Swedish ambassador Harald Edelstam, maintains the Chilean Embassy in Ottawa.

Since his expulsion in the wake of Chile's military coup six months ago, the former diplomat has campaigned actively in Sweden, the United States and Canada for relief of refugees fleeing the new regime.

Mr. Edelstam addressed a meeting in Edmonton recently and said that the junta has caused massive unemployment, and detention of as many as 9,000 political prisoners.

In a statement which he released, the embassy detailed its side of the expulsion order, saying that Mr. Edelstam "violated the international norms of hospitality and directly intervened in the internal policy of the country".

The statement says that Edelstam provoked several incidents with the police and military, and "intervened personally" when a military patrol returned fire on a group of snipers concealed behind the walls of the Cuban Embassy.

In addition, the ambassador opened the doors of the Swedish Embassy to another group of snipers fleeing a patrol, charges the statement.

An injured female member of the illegal Uruguayan guerilla movement was also given asylum. Ignoring an offer of free passage out of the country, Edelstam chose to have her treated illegally in Santiago.

The statement points out that Edelstam had been in Chile little more than a year at the time of the coup, and questions his qualifications in addressing himself to

the affairs of the country.

As a privileged member of a diplomatic mission, it adds, the ambassador was also shielded from the economic chaos that existed before the junta seized power.

In his address in Edmonton recently, however, the ambassador conceded that at the time of the coup, it had the full support of the majority.

Because of the junta's repressive actions most of the initial support has waned, and the administration would not survive a free election, he said.

His speaking tours in Canada and the U.S. have netted \$10,000 for refugee relief. An additional \$400,000 has been collected in Sweden alone.

In my area and perhaps across the nation, a rapid reading institute offers to teach me to read three times faster, or my money back.

The challenge is so incredible that I have been tempted to matriculate for the simple pleasure of winning a bet.

I have no way of knowing how fast I read by comparison with my fellow citizens, but I like to think that I am pretty fast.

How long should it take a person to read this paper from cover to cover? I like to think that thirty minutes is about right, and yet I know that I and millions of others read our daily newspapers in half an hour. Anyway, so we say.

How fast we read depends upon what we are reading. A certain column may be worth as much reading time as the whole sports section. Some others give the sports almost all their time.

Sweden For Scenic Shopping

Shopping for Swedish glass poses a dilemma. Not that it's hard to decide what to buy—it's hard to decide what not to buy.

One enjoyable way of making the decision, however, is to combine a shopping trip with a tour through Sweden's world-famous glass district in the province of Småland, a pleasant day's drive south of Stockholm.

The heart of the area is a Växjö, a 14th century city within an hour's drive of more than thirty well-known glassworks such as Orrefors, Boda and Kosta, the oldest, dating back to 1742.

Two-day package tours between Stockholm and Copenhagen which include the glass district also are available.

The area is one of vast forests, calm lakes and small red farm cottages. The glass-works are dotted throughout the woods, making a shopping excursion a scenic treat as well.

Before you set out, make a stop at Växjö's Glass Museum, which has one of Europe's most

Växjö's House of Emigrants tells the fascinating story of this period and the hardy Småland people who settled in the United States.

On the eastern border of the province of Småland in the city of Kalmar, you will cross Europe's longest bridge connecting the mainland with the island of Oland, a sunny beach-rimmed province which is one of Sweden's most popular family resort centres. A slim, limestone island of fertile farmland, and luxuriant flowers, Oland also is a haven for many varieties of bird life and site of a large ornithological station.

There are no high rise hotels on the Oland skyline. Comfortable accommodations are available in small hotels, pensions, farm vacation homes or at campgrounds.

For further information about Sweden's southeast provinces contact the Scandinavian National Tourist Offices at 505 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017 or 3600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90010, U.S.A.



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Whether you join one of the tours or head out on your own you're welcome at the glassworks to watch the entire process of glassmaking from the design stage to the finished article.

Since visiting hours may vary, however, it is best to check the schedules at the Växjö Museum beforehand.

The factories also maintain shops where you'll find excellent bargains, especially in "seconds", which in most cases are hardly distinguishable from perfect pieces.

A trip through this area also leads to the heart of the emigrant's country, a region from which more than one fourth of Sweden's population left their homeland in the "Years of the American Fever" between 1850 and 1930.

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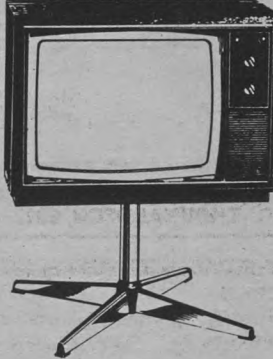
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FINNISH SOCIETY

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By Elmer Kankkunen

First I would like to thank Anne Sahuri for filling in for me last month while I was visiting my sick father in Thunder Bay, Ont. Incidentally my father recuperated from his operation to the extent that my parents were able to come and spend Easter with us here in Edmonton.

In regards to our club activities indications are that 1974 is going to be a banner year. Even the weatherman has been on our side by co-operating completely at both of our scheduled outings this winter. The fine weather was a contributing factor for a good turnout at our cross-country ski outing held in late February at Elk Island Park. Everyone seemed to have had a good time although there was the usual number of minor mishaps resulting in broken skis, poles, wet posteriors, etc.

At our second outing, namely the annual ice fishing competition, held this year at Lac Ste. Anne on April 7 the weather was also perfect but ice conditions were not the best as there was still about a foot of snow and water remaining on top of the ice. The fish weren't biting very well and catches were down from last year, in fact many fishermen were skunked completely, yours truly included.

The results were as follows;

MEN'S DIVISION

1. Arvo Ruuti — 17 lbs.
2. Mikko Lindfors — 6 lbs.
3. Vaino Rastas — 5 1/2 lbs.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1. Anja Teino — 1 lb.
2. Maija Utenen — 1/2 lb.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

1. Tim Sahuri — 21 1/2 lbs.
2. Dick Sahuri — 11 1/2 lbs.

For some reason or other several of our members haven't been exactly terrific in traffic this winter and have inadvertently contributed to alleviating the unemployment situation by keeping the body shops busy. Earlier this winter Doris Liimatainen and more recently, the Haikarainens were involved in some pretty extensive fender bending. Heikki Sario and Markku Erkvaara showed up at the ice fishing competition wearing what at first glance appeared to be extra high turtle necks, but instead turned out to be the support collars often worn by whiplash victims. Apparently

they had been in an accident which reduced the length of their Volvo by a couple of feet.

Pirkko Karvonen was also involved in an accident in which her beetle was totalled. Pirkko received whiplash injuries to the extent that she has been forced to cut down drastically on her many activities. Among other things she has been appearing on a yoga program (shown on channel 10C on Wednesday nights) to stand on her head.

The annual Spring Fling dance held at the Scandinavian Centre and hosted by the Finnish Society had a good turnout which included a larger-than-usual number of young people. Our president, Heikki Sario, encountered some problems with the loudspeaker while making his welcoming speech. For those of you who didn't hear it I might mention that I had the privilege of reading Heikki's speech and I can assure you it was quite inspiring.

It seems to me that more and more traditionally Finnish customs are being accepted by people of other origins. The sauna has become almost universal and now streaking is becoming very popular. Did you know that the Finns were among the first streakers and that sauna and streaking go hand in hand or hand in whatever. Many of the older generation, whether they grew up on a farm in Finland or on the old homestead in Canada, will recall how the sauna was usually a separate log building often built several hundred feet from the house. The original type smoke or 'savu' sauna had no chimney as the smoke went out through a little trapdoor or 'luukku' and neither did it have a dressing room. At most there was a wooden bench outside and nails driven into the wall for hanging your clothes. After bathing in the sauna it was customary to grab your clothes and walk or run barefooted and barebuff to the house and dress in the house. It didn't matter if there were neighbours nearby or if you had company or if it was forty below outside with three feet of snow. In fact if you had a younger brother, etc., you would linger a little walking barefoot through the snow to show how tough you were. Perhaps in these modern times it will become acceptable to streak from the sauna to your apartment or condominium even if you live in a highrise building. □

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NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste

Canadian Ambassador E. A. Cote paid a visit to President Urho Kekkonen at the president's palace in Helsinki on March 26.

The Ambassador brought greetings from Governor General Jules Leger, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and delivered a set of the newly-minted Olympic Coins.

The case which held 2 five-dollar and 2 ten-dollar silver coins was beautifully made of birchwood and deerskin.

At the last yearly meeting of the Suomi Seura r.y. in Helsinki on March 29, Director Jussi Linnamo was chosen again as the chairman of the Society.

Professor Jorma Pohjanpalo will continue as the first vice chairman and the second vice chairman is Altti Majava. Other new executive members are Aimo Ajo, Erkki Karmila and Matti Isoviita.

President Urho Kekkonen and his entourage left for a one-week fishing trip to the island of Cozumel in the Caribbean Sea. His host is director James F. Thornton, who also hosted president Kekkonen's fishing trip to Alaska two years ago.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of:

HAGEL ARON — Born at Pyhtaa, Finland. Moved to Canada about 1900, or of his children or grandchildren, are asked to contact. Suomi Seura, Mariankatu 8. Helsinki, 17 Finland.

TOURISM

More Hotel Space

The shortage of hotel accomodation in Helsinki and vicinity is going to be alleviated in the coming year. Helsinki is looking forward to the building of two more big hotels, one in the downtown district and another in the eastern outskirts known as Ita-Pakila. Together, they will provide about a thousand new rooms.

Besides the hotel being planned for erection in conjunction with the expansion of the ice palace, the scene mostly of hockey games, will add another 70 or so to the number of rooms; and the fancy Kalastajatorppa (Fisherman's Hut), where the U.S. delegation stayed during the long SALT talks, is going to add 160 rooms in its current expansion program.

Some two thousand new hotel rooms are included in the plans of both urban and rural communities close to the national capital, too.

Now the situation is changing. Something has happened to make the fair sex in Finland take a more active interest in competitive sports—enough interest, in fact, to produce results to write home about.

Mona-Lisa Pursiainen is, of course, the most spectacular of the proofs of a radical change. All last summer and fall she was unbeatable in women's sprints. She was unbeatable not only against local competition but against every foreign sprinter of her sex who dared to match strides with her. Many experts think Mona-Lisa is the fastest woman in the world right now.

But Mona-Lisa is not alone in Finnish women's athletics. Finland took the silver medal in this year's cross-country world championships for women. And the Finnish women's team reached the semi-finals in the European Cup track-and-field competitions. In so doing, it edged out Czechoslovakia and beat Norway, Denmark, Ireland and Iceland by a wide margin in an elimination meet held in Denmark.

Then, for the second year in a row, the Finnish women's team beat Sweden's in track-and-field. Score: 77-69, a not uncomfortable margin. In previous years, the Swedish team had won, with monotonous regularity, 15 out of 16 meets.

Finally, in a post-season meet in Varna, Bulgaria, celebrating the 10th world Olympic congress and the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, a pair of Finnish girls did very well. Pirjo Wilmi won the 400-meter race and placed third in the 200-meter dash; and Tuula Rautanen finished second in the 100-meter dash and fourth, right after Wilmi, in the 200. Mona-Lisa did not make the trip.

The past season proved that women's athletics in Finland are: (1) moving ahead by leaps and bounds, and (2) there is a broad base to build on—in other words, there is a lot of talent around in a variety of events. The sports pages opened their columns wide to winning performances by women athletes. Several times, Mona-Lisa cast her male colleagues in the shade by capturing the headlines and prime picture space. Her sensational victories and the all-out public recognition accorded her are bound to inspire many a fleet-footed younger girl to try to follow in her spike-prints.

BIG TURNOUT OF GIRLS

"The turnout in girl's and women's competitions was bigger last summer than ever before," said Antero Laiho, chief women's coach in track-and-field sports. "In fact, the number of participants has been growing even faster in girls' than in boys' track."

What has brought this about?

"In a broad sense, this upsurge is connected perhaps with the general rise toward equal status by women in every field," Mr. Laiho said. "Male dominance is diminishing in all sectors. Then, another factor is the increased recognition given women's sports. It has been noticed that a medal won by a woman is just as valuable as a medal won by a man."

Antero Laiho looks forward confidently to the European championships in Rome next year and the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976. He expects Finnish girls to bring home medals from both meets.

"There's nothing to worry about, as far as numbers of participants are concerned," he

Better Hearing Month

By Jeni E. Darling
Publicity Convener

The month of May is designated as **Hearing and Speech** month in Canada. The Association for the Hearing Handicapped in Edmonton are endeavoring to make the general public aware at this time of **THE NECESSITY OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF HEARING PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS.**

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We feel this is an ideal time to make the public aware of the services and facilities available to the hearing impaired in this area, and specifically the services provided by the Association for the Hearing Handicapped.

- Administration office which includes an information and referral centre.
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- Baby Program for hearing impaired infants and their parents in their homes.
- Pre-School classes for hard of hearing and deaf children.
- Parent Training Programs, including sign classes.
- Facilities at 11024 - 99 Ave., Edmonton, for meetings and social gatherings of organizations for deaf and hearing handicapped, e.g. Hard of Hearing Club and Alberta Federation of Silent Sports.

For further information contact our director:
Miss Sue Barker, phone 488-7804, 488-7525
or myself:
Mrs. Jeni E. Darling, 488-1643. □

said. "There are plenty of girls taking part in track-and-field athletics with real enthusiasm. With success, this enthusiasm can only increase. The conspicuous rise in women's track has, it is true, taken place at a somewhat 'inopportune' time—in the sense that it is to some extent overshadowed by the sudden emergence of male athletes from Finland to the top in the world.

"A remarkable rise in the women's level is nevertheless also a fact in athletics."

The future of women's athletics in Finland looks bright to chief sprinting coach Pertti Helin, too.

"In the old days," he pointed out, "physical training teachers did a well-intentioned disservice to women's sports by painting horrible pictures of how a girl would get to look if she started to train in earnest, what masses of muscles she would develop, what an Amazonian monster she would turn into. Now we've got rid of such misconceptions and lots of young girls are already going in for sports. Success has followed on active participation, and active participation has grown with success."

Helin says about the women athletes he has been coaching: "They train willingly and conscientiously. They practice in groups much more than men do. Practice is for them a kind of social activity. Even so, they take their training extremely seriously." □

Finnish Women

Seek Glory

In Sports

CHANGING VIEWS ON SEX ROLES

Finland is famous for her many athletic champions. Finns have won far more than their fair share of medals in Olympic and other international competitions. But, winter sports excepted, the stellar Finnish performers right down the line have been men. In cross-country skiing and speed skating, Finnish girls and women have turned in Olympic and world championship performances time and again. Otherwise, however, on the international sports scene, Finnish women have been conspicuous mostly either by their lack-luster efforts or by their absence altogether.

News from the Danish Church

Denmark - Bicycle Land

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen

The Ladies Aid of Ansgar remind all friends of the Church that May 11 is the date of their Annual Bazaar. It begins at 1 p.m. in the Eastwood Community Hall. There will be items of interest for everyone. And remember, husbands and children, it is on the day just before Mother's Day, so here is a first class opportunity for you to pick up something a little different and very special for Mother on her day.

Perhaps you should consider giving her a trip to Denmark! The possibility is yours for just one dollar. (Or she may choose to take five hundred dollars instead of the ticket to Denmark) This opportunity is yours by buying a raffle ticket. If you would like some and don't have any just phone Mrs. Jack Petersen at 426-5479, and she will see that you get some tickets. The Ladies have spent a lot of long winter evenings making a beautiful bedspread, it won't be sold at the Bazaar but tickets will be sold for it. So do make sure that you pick up a ticket on the quilt. See you at the Bazaar on May 11.

The Men's Club of Ansgar are planning to round out their year with an All Congregational Potluck Smorgasbord for the whole family. This event will be held on May 31 at 6:30 p.m., at Evergreen Acres (the pastor's place). There will be a map in the next issue of the Ansgar Newsletter which will hopefully give you an idea of how to get there. However, if following maps is not one of your strong points, then you may come to the Church at 6 p.m. and we shall have a guide car leaving from there. Also, if someone does not have their own transportation but would like to be along, then we would ask that you phone Nels Gran at 422-8777 on or before Sun., May 26. That way he will attempt to co-ordinate those who need transportation with those who have room for passengers.

Everyone who comes is asked to bring their own utensils—plates, cups, etc. The Men's Club will supply coffee and pop. Parents, you are encouraged to bring some wieners and hotdogs for your kids, as we shall have a bonfire for roasting and frying whatever you'd like to bring. Horseshoe enthusiasts are asked to bring along their horseshoes. We have lots of room so we can have half-a-dozen games going at once. Do make plans NOW to come out to this All Congregational Pot-luck Smorgasbord.

In the early part of June, or late in May, we are looking forward to having as our guests here at Ansgar, Mr. and Mrs. G. Winther-Johannsen, the secretary-treasurer of DKU. Our guests, who are on a tour of all the Danish Churches in Canada, will hopefully be with us for a number of days. He shall meet with the Church Board, and hopefully there will be an opportunity for us to have a Kaffeord, so that everyone will have an opportunity to greet our Danish guests. Their tour will be concluded in Vancouver in the second week in June when all the pastors from the Danish Lutheran Churches in Canada will gather for a Pastoral Convention.

All couples who are contemplating a summer wedding at Ansgar are advised that Pastor Madsen will NOT be available in the period from July 15 to Aug. 19, due to Youth Conference, and vacation.

Ten different bicycle tours tailored for easy travel through the Danish countryside have been organized by Denmark's local tourist offices.

Routes are drawn with descriptions of the sights along the way and all meals and accommodations are booked and paid for before departure.

With congested traffic and parking problems wherever you go, one thing is more appreciated than ever—the favorite transportation of the Danes—the bicycle. It is practical, it's healthy, it's fast, it's fun.

Get away from it all—take one week all-inclusive bicycle-vacation trip through the lovely island of Funen including visits to the fairytale islands of Taasinge and Aeroe.

You can stay either in good hotels or inns (\$70 for the week) or in Youth Hostels (\$40 for the week). For reservations: contact Svendborg Tourist Bureau, Klosterplads 9, 5700 Svendborg, Denmark.

Seeing Denmark the real way by rail and bicycle. Denmark is known for its excellent railways. They are nice, clean and comfortable. Go by train to the part of Denmark you plan to enjoy. Then rent a bike and really get the feeling of the countryside and the towns as you quietly roll through. Then when you feel like it, deliver the bike at a station and take the train to the next place you plan to visit. Bicycles can be rented at Danish State Railway Stations:

A deposit of \$5.00 is required. Advance reservations can be made by phoning the stations of your choice.

FOR EXTRA FUN ON WATER—RENT A CANOE

Having enjoyed a quiet mode of transportation on land, you may want to experience the same kind of pleasure on water by renting a canoe. Denmark offers plenty of possibilities for canoe vacations—whether for hours, days or weeks. The Gudenaa River, the Skjern River, and the Silkeborg Lake District in Jutland are the main playgrounds for canoe fans.

Reservations can be made at the local tourist offices, for instance at Touristbureauet, Østergade 8, 8600 Silkeborg, Denmark. But there are also good canoe facilities at the Susaa River, south of Copenhagen. Contact: Næstved, Denmark.

Peace-lovers on land and sea, WELCOME TO DENMARK.

Denmark

Gallery Site

The Downstairs Gallery of Edmonton is combining with a Hamilton gallery to open a gallery in Denmark.

The gallery in Ribe, to be known as the Galerie Internationale, will provide an opportunity for Canadian artists to show their work abroad.

The opening exhibition April 4 included works by Harold Town, Michael Forster, Jack Shadbolt, Leon Belefleur, Robert Ralph Carmichael, Alex Janvier, Len Gibbs and Norval Morrisseau.

Joining the Downstairs Gallery in this venture is the Damkjar-Burton Gallery of Hamilton, Ont.

People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged, sooner or later, to find time for illness.

—John Wanamaker



FAROE ISLANDS

DENMARK'S FACINATING ISLANDS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

WHAT ARE THE FAROE ISLANDS

The Faroes consist of 18 islands—of which 17 are inhabited—situated halfway between Shetland and Iceland with some 37,000 inhabitants speaking a language of their own, but related to the Scandinavian languages, which are understood everywhere on the islands as well as English. The Faroes are a paradise for people interested in fishing, mountain walking, fascinating bird-life or merely watching the magnificent scenery and an almost unspoiled folk life.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE

Thanks to the Gulf Stream the climate in the Faroes is mild, with an average temperature of about 51° during the summer and 22°-39° during the winter. But many summer days in July are around 60° air temperature and the ocean being 51°. Fog may momentarily hide the mountain crests and indeed swallow up the entire group of islands soon after perhaps to let itself be swept submissively out to sea, thus opening up incredible vistas, sharpened by the crystal-clear air that is also peculiar to the Faroes. The best time for a stay is from mid-May until the beginning of September. The weather tends to be very changeable with showers and sunshine alternating. It is therefore advisable to take a raincoat and especially for boating, a warm woolen sweater. The islands, by the way, are famous for their special knitted sweaters in Faroese design.

HOW TO GET THERE

By air from Copenhagen via Bergen, Scandinavian Airlines in co-operation with Icelandair—21/2 hours, several times a week and weekly connections with Glasgow (Scotland) and Reykjavik (Iceland).

By boat from Esbjerg (West coast of Denmark) via Newcastle to Torshavn (United Steamship Company) 38 hours (\$40 to \$80 per person one way). There are also freighters taking 12 passengers from Copenhagen to Torshavn every two weeks (\$45.00).

ACCOMMODATIONS

Torshavn has two modern hotels. The "Føroyar" (27 beds) and the "Hafnia" (97 beds), besides some boarding houses. Prices vary from \$3.00 to \$7.00 per person. You will be able to

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A popular way to spend your vacation in Denmark is on bicycle. Special organized tours are being offered including meals and overnight stay at cosy country inns.



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RONNING LODGE

By Grace Hansen

A very impressive group of twenty-four young people were initiated as members of the new Sons of Norway Ronning Jr. Lodge—ranging in ages 6 to 16 years. They are the first of a new Jr. Lodge which is the second of its kind in Canada, the other being located in Edmonton.

There was also Installation of 13 officers. They were as follows: PRESIDENT: Donna Torpe SEC.: Carol Servold FIN. SEC.: Verna Fullen TREAS.: Debbie Torpe SOC. DIR.: Kevin Davis HISTORIAN: Sherry Broen MARSHALL: Charlene Swanson ASST. MARSHALL: Jackie Torpe INNER GUARD: Lindsay Krausert OUTER GUARD: Noreen Fullen REPORTER: Colin Anderson COUNSELLOR: Kevin Neilson

Jr. Lodge President Donna Torpe was presented with the gavel by Past Pres. Chris Christianson

of the Sr. Lodge.

On April 4, four additional members were initiated into the Jr. Lodge. The Junior Director is Lois Torpe and the Assistant Director is Doreen Anderson.

The Bill Sware rink, consisting of Art Veale, Olaf Jorde and Ruth Szott were winners of the A. Hansen & Sons Construction Curling Trophy. Runners-up was the J. Stordahl rink.

The Morning Coffee League Bowlers will wind up their season on April 22, and on April 27 the Bowlers and the Curlers will be having their Trophy Presentation Dinner and Dance.

The Spring Bowling League will begin on Monday evenings—April 29.

Norwegian May Day Celebrations will be held on May 3 with a Smorgasbord and Dance at the Moose Hall. □

A Wonderful Fish Story

By NANCY CLEGG BUCK
Edmonton Journal Columnist

When some people are associated daily with a certain type of food they look forward to a change when it comes to meals. Not Keith Ryerse.

"Don't tell me," I said, pointing to a black iron frying pan hanging on the wall, "that when you're open until nine you cook fish for supper?"

"Oh, sure," Keith replied. "Lunch, too. And my wife cooks it for breakfast. In fact, when it's finnan haddie, she poaches eggs in the same water. We not only like fish, we like to try every product we bring into the shop."

Keith's association with fish extends farther than just a full day. His grandfather, Harry Nancarrow, owned a fish market in London, England.

"We grew up with fish," Keith explained. "When we came to Canada my grandfather bought the Rice Street Fish and I worked with him for six years."

Last October, Keith landed the one he'd been waiting for—his own fresh fish market which is Coral Keys Seafoods Ltd. at 9442 - 149 St. (Phone 484-0838 or 484-0839.)

Fish is flourishing and when I asked Keith why, he thought that weight watching has had as much to do with it as anything else.

"Also," he added, "people are travelling more. They order fish in different countries and enjoy it. When they return home they look

for the same variety here."

Two such examples he showed me were red snapper and Mahi Mahi dolphin fillets, both popular in Hawaii.

"Others new to Canada look for the fish of their own country; sea bream and eels from Portugal, for example. As for today's young people," Keith concluded, "they want to try everything!"

Everything at Coral Keys would provide a different menu every day for months.

To start with there's an aquarium with live lobsters; periwinkles, mussels, clams and oysters; Dover sole from Holland, cod, three varieties of crabmeat and at least seven varieties and sizes of cooked and raw shrimp.

Five types of salmon, King crab legs and claws, scallops, squid, octopus, fresh tuna, ready-to-eat Holland herring, ocean perch, skate, oolichans (Frazer River smelts), bloaters, lux and kippered mackerel.

In addition there are many fresh lake fish, including rainbow trout from Vancouver and other fresh varieties that are cooked, smoked and pickled.

Many seafoods are frozen in batter and sold in bulk ready for fondue—shrimp, sole, scallops, Boston bluefish and cod.

Frozen fish, however, is not the idea behind Coral Keys. Within the limits of seasonal availability everything is flown in fresh. An obvious exception is North Sea

To Scandinavia! First trip or not, you're in for the time of your life. Especially in Scandinavia, where the people are warm, the scenery and food magnificent, and practically everyone speaks English.

The fun begins when you start planning your trip (well ahead of time, of course). Take care of everything from hotel reservations to theatre seats. And to make sure you get off on the right foot for this trip of a lifetime read this article. Use the check lists, and take it with you when you

plaice. There are others. Sometimes, because of the distance involved, a shipment must arrive frozen. When it does, Keith or his assistant, Dick Schmidt, will tell you.

Keith also told me about the bone structure of different fish and showed me how to butterfly a salmon steak so that there aren't any bones. I was shown, but that doesn't mean I could do it!

Coral Keys will service any fish the way we want it at no extra charge—crack the crabs and split the claws, bone whole fish for baking or grind it. All we have to do is ask.

Keith's wife, Jackie, also works in the fish market. Her specialty is party platters which can be ordered ahead for any number of persons. Total cost depends on what we want on it—crab, lobster, shrimp, smoked varieties, etc. Jackie also bakes and decorates whole salmon to order.

Keith is now smoking his own fish at the back of his shop. "No one is doing it west of Winnipeg except in Vancouver," he advised. He thinks it possible that prices are lower because it is done locally.

In addition to fish, a delicatessen section displays Feta cheese and Greek olives; Halvah in bulk; farm eggs, roll mops, anchovies, ready-to-spread garlic butter by the 1/4 lb. and containers of cocktail sauce which Keith makes himself. There is Danish salt butter and cheese. Much more.

On the opposite wall a Japanese line of imported food is well represented—turtle soup, canned turtle meat, small cans of squid and octopus.

Coral Keys Seafoods is closed on Mondays. It's open by nine every morning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and stays open until six; Thursday and Friday until nine.

It's a beautiful fish market. Displays are enhanced with bright slices of color on the ice—squash, peppers, radishes, etc. There's genuine interest in service with appeal.

And as I said earlier there's also great interest and liking for fish. Both Dick and Keith are tropical fish hobbyists and Keith has a mermaid tattooed on one arm. When I left to a call of "Come again," I wasn't sure if I'd heard correctly.

Coffee time. That's right. They were eating smoked herring.

(Keith is just in the process of installing a kitchen for cooking orders of fish for customers who don't want to do it themselves. He says he hopes to be able to put up any kind of fish orders a customer may want.)

In this regard he is also looking for a female cook for this special kitchen and he says he would prefer a Scandinavian. Now here's a chance for some budding Scandinavian chef, if I ever heard one. Editor) □

board your plane. That's where the warm and friendly spirit of Scandinavia begins.

FLIGHT RESERVATIONS

The excitement starts the minute you make your reservations. Find out when you have to go, how much time and money you can spend and ask all the questions you can think of. Make sure you get the accommodations you want. Scandinavia is very popular with all age groups.

PASSPORTS

Canadian citizens in Canada should write to the Passport Office, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa (passport application forms are available in most main post offices in Canada). Canadians outside Canada should get in touch with their nearest Canadian Consulate. (Identical front-view photographs approximately 2x2 1/2 inches). The passport fee is \$5 and must be remitted by money order or certified check. Proof of citizenship is required, either birth certificate, or baptismal certificate if recorded shortly after birth, or naturalization certificate.

Always keep your passport on your person (not in your luggage), along with other important travel documents.

VISAS

Visas are not necessary for most European countries, for stays of less than three months. Since regulations change from time to time, it is best to consult your Flight Organizer well ahead of time, for detailed information.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

It is recommended you check with your local health department to determine such requirements.

There are no inoculation or vaccination requirements for Scandinavia and most of Europe. But a smallpox vaccination is required for return to Canada.

MONEY

Buy traveler's cheques. They're safe and good anywhere. Practical, too.

However, it is smart to carry about fifty dollars in \$1 and \$5 bills with you. They'll come in handy at the most unexpected moments . . . and especially when you make last minute purchases so you are not left with an excess of foreign currency.

If you want, you can change dollars into the currency of the country or countries you plan to visit in advance and every airport has an exchange bank.

INSURANCE

Many inexpensive baggage insurance policies are available. Be sure to include your cameras. If you're taking a sports tour you may want to take out a personal accident insurance policy. Ask your insurance agent.

HOTEL CONFIRMATIONS

Reservations are advisable, particularly in the summer months. A travel agent will help you make your reservations several weeks in advance so that you will have letters of confirmation before you leave. TAKE THESE CONFIRMATIONS WITH YOU.

LAST MINUTE CHECK LIST

- ☐ Your ticket (record its serial number)
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Vaccination certificates
- ☐ Personal checkbook
- ☐ Travel vouchers and hotel reservations
- ☐ Travelers' checks (record the serial numbers)
- ☐ Credit Cards
- ☐ Letters of introduction
- ☐ Confirm your reservation 72 hours before take off
- ☐ Check your insurance

- ☐ Notify your neighbors and police of your absence
- ☐ Milk, mail and newspaper deliveries

- ☐ Arrange for care of your pets, plants and yard
- ☐ Give a copy of your itinerary to a close friend or neighbor

THE GIRL GOING ALONE

For the girl traveling alone, Scandinavia is a joy. The cities are clean, well lit and safe. Since Scandinavian women are probably among the most independent in Europe, you'll be accepted and treated with respect. Language is no problem. English is spoken and understood by hotel personnel, taxi drivers, tour guides, all over Scandinavia.

No need to feel funny about dining alone anywhere in Europe. Just have the concierge (doorman) or hall porter make your reservations for you. The concierge or hall porter is a girl's best friend. He'll tell you what's going on in town, how to get there and when to go. He'll get you tickets for the opera, ballet, theatre, movies, whatever. He'll also tell you where not to go alone. It's perfectly alright of course, to have a drink alone in the bar of your hotel, a sidewalk cafe, or a restaurant before your dinner. You can still sample the nightlife on your own by having your concierge or hall porter arrange for one of the many "Nightlife Tours" available through tour operators in the major cities. Your travel agent can arrange for this in advance, along with all your other travel arrangements. He's probably been to all the places you want to go to and travel is his business.

TAKE THE FAMILY

The Scandinavian countries are the most delightful countries to travel in with children. There's so much for them to see and do. The fabulous Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, probably the most beautiful amusement park in the world. Skansen in Stockholm, an island of Swedish farm restoration surrounding one of Europe's finest zoos. And Oslo, where the Kon-Tiki, Fram and Viking Ship museums will capture the imagination of adult and child alike. No problem when you want to go off exploring on your own—you'll find excellent babysitting services throughout Scandinavia. English-speaking sitters, of course. No food and water problems either, the tap water is probably purer than your water at home. Scandinavian steaks and seafood are about the best in the world. In fact, you can dine just as you would at home if you wish. You'll experience sights and scenes that you've never seen before. And you'll meet warm, wonderful people who will help you discover the spirit of Scandinavia.

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- ☐ 3 blouses (one for evening)
- ☐ 1 sweater set or cardigan
- ☐ 1 pair slacks (not to be worn in cities)
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Norse Skitrail Opening

By Kris Nyhus

The day of March 24 turned out to be a day with light falling snow and about 20° F. There had been about a foot of new snow during the previous two weeks, which provided a good base for the cross-country event of the day.

It was with great anticipation that we set out for Terwilliger Park that day to take part in the official opening of the "Norseman Skitrail". Invitations had been sent out to various ski clubs in the province, and posters were put up at ski shops, ski chalets and auditoriums, so we anticipated a good turnout.

As the people started to flock in for registration under music from loudspeakers and joyous laughter and shouts from young and old, I felt a joy to be part of this festive event—and it brought back memories of ski events in Norway which were always among the most joyous events of the year, when young and old flocked in from near and far to take part in and enjoy the snow, the competition, the excitement, or just for the sake of getting together to cheer their favourite skiers along.

By the time the registration closed at 2 p.m., a total of 80 entries had registered in the six events of the competition, and the crowd of spectators was estimated to be at least a hundred. Registration and the drawing of starting numbers was well organized by Torske Klubben members. The deep and pleasant voice of Harv Haugen as master of ceremonies was heard and enjoyed over the entire park.

Officials were present from City Parks and Recreation and Alberta Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation, as well as the Norwegian Consulate and the Presidents of Sons of Norway and Torske Klubben. Sons of Norway President Wally Broen made a welcoming speech expressing his pleasure in seeing the growing interest in this area for Nordic Skiing. Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen conducted the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The starting of the competition got underway, and before I knew it I was out on the track—push, shove, glide, glide—long strides, uphill, downhill, on the flats. "Track!"—my turn this time. And then—after three to four miles of enjoyment skiing—the finish gate.

The enjoyment of competition is there all the way as ones physical condition and skiing skills are measured against all the other people along the track.

A total of 30 children entered the races, and it was a pleasure to watch these young people and the real enthusiasm and competitive spirit they showed. The Devon children's group was by far most experienced and skillful in the art, and much credit must be given the Devon Skiclub for providing proper coaching and training for these children.

The trophy winners in the various categories are as follows:

MEN'S ADVANCED — 26 entries
1. Peter Klavora — U. of Alberta. Winner of Sorenson Assurance Service Ltd. Annual Trophy.

2. Robin Savage — University of Alberta.

3. Karl Schneider — Edmonton

LADIES ADVANCED — 6 entries
1. Rosemarie Gerber — Northwest Skiclub, Edmonton

2. Bernice Nyhus — Sons of Norway, Edmonton

3. June Seidel — Edmonton

MEN'S BEGINNERS — 8 entries

1. Gerald Craig — Edmonton
2. Bill Hockey — Devon

3. Hans Petersen — Edmonton

LADIES BEGINNERS — 10 entries

1. Angela Sawchuck — Edmonton

2. Margarate Hockey — Devon

3. Grace Sveinungsgard — Grande Prairie

CHILDREN AGES 11 to 15 — 11 entries

1. Jon Sevoid — Devon

2. David Hockey — Devon

3. Glen Paulsen — Devon

CHILDREN AGES 6 to 10 — 19 entries

1. Mark Freeman — Devon

2. Ingrid Servold — Devon

3. Daniel Servold — Devon

A beautiful annual trophy was set up by Sorenson Assurance Service Ltd. for the best time of the day along the advanced trail. The winner of the trophy each year gets his name engraved, and the trophy is being kept at the Scandinavian Centre. Thanks go out to Sorenson Assurance as well as the following donors:

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Dr. Torquhil Mathaeson, Grande Prairie — \$20

The Coca-Cola Company for providing refreshments

O'Keefe Brewing Company for providing Loudspeakers and Music

Betty and Eleanor Anderson for making hot coffee and chocolate for the large crowd

And to all the members of Sons of Norway and Torske Klubben who helped out with the arrangements.

The event was in my opinion a tremendous success, and it is our plan to make this an annual affair. A board of directors has been chosen to set up the by-laws for the formation of the "Norseman Skiclub". Anyone interested in becoming a member and in doing some of the ground work may call me at 487-1450. Let us join to promote cross-country skiing and ski-touring and train and coach our children to become competitors in this enjoyable sport. □

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NOTES FOR

□ 2 slips, 2 bras, 6 pair panties

□ 3 pairs shoes (street pumps, dress shoes, walking shoes ... all broken-in in advance)

□ 1 pair folding slippers (don't pack ... take on board)

□ 6 pair nylon stockings or panty hose (socks for walking shoes optional)

□ 1 crushable hat or turban

□ 1 handbag with pockets for passport and travel folders

□ 1 evening bag (large enough to hold your passport)

□ 1 bathing suit and cap (suits with jackets are very useful)

□ 2 pairs gloves

For Him

□ 1 top coat and/or raincoat

□ 2 suits (one in a darker color)

□ 2 sports jackets and slacks

□ 2 pairs shoes (waterproofed shoes in fall or winter)

□ 4 shirts (at least one drip dry)

□ 2 sport shirts

□ 3 ties

□ 6 pair socks

□ 1 robe (lightweight)

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□ 1 sweater

□ 1 pair pajamas (drip dry)

□ 1 belt or suspenders

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- Pocket dictionary
- Toilet articles
- Cosmetics

amount of luggage, use the unaccompanied baggage facilities. You'll enjoy quite a saving. Check this with your travel agent.

For the ladies, one 29-inch case and one 24-inch case or a large hatbox should accommodate a wardrobe to clothe you stylishly for at least a month, for all climates, activities and social events. A small bag or "beauty case" will come in handy for overnight side trips.

For men, a three-suit case together with a 20-inch case should be enough.

Advance Shipment—if you have a large family, or are planning quite an extended trip, it may be advisable and economical to send the greater portion of your luggage in advance by air freight. More convenient, too. Just check

with your agent.

HINTS ON PACKING

Make a check list of what you plan to take. Use the suggested wardrobe as a guide. Keep your selection to a minimum. Most toiletries are available abroad.

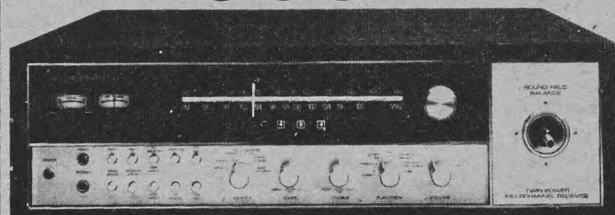
Put any liquids in plastic bottles and fill no more than 3/4 full. Get plenty of plastic bags of different sizes. Use them for packing shoes, lingerie, wet bathing suits, etc. Pack shoes and other odd-shaped or heavy items on the bottom of the case. Tuck socks or stockings inside the shoes; fit other items in nooks and corners to make use of every bit of space. Then cut a piece of cardboard in the shape of the suitcase, lay it on the bottom layer to make a second "bottom".

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The less you take the better. Lots of times it's easier and more fun to buy things when you get to Scandinavia than to carry them along with you from home. For instance, Scandinavian sportswear is the best looking, best designed you ever saw. And costs less, too.

You have a free transatlantic baggage allowance of 66 lbs. Personal items such as an umbrella, purse, camera, binoculars or coat carried over your arm are not weighed. However, briefcases, overnight bags and parcels are weighed and count in your allowance. If your bathroom scale is accurate, check the weight before you leave.

Children at half fare (between the ages of 2 and 12 years) are still given the adult weight allowance. A bassinot and tender loving care for your baby will be provided.

Adapt your wardrobe to your destination and the time of year. For very hot climates the wrinkle-resistant cottons make the most sense. Remember though a lot of lightweight miracle fabrics are very warm.

Build your wardrobe around one or two predominant colors so that the same accessories go with everything. Shoes and bags are bulky and weigh a lot. Take simple and smart casual and dress clothes that can be mixed and matched. That's the best way to get the maximum amount of changes with a minimum amount of clothes. Leave the "frou-frou" and bouffant at home. And concentrate on synthetics, drip-dry fabrics, cotton and woolen knits.

RULE OF THUMB: "If in doubt, leave it out!"

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Kitchen Corner

Surprise Mother with a cake or cookies on Mother's Day.

BANANA CHOCOLATE CAKE

2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 ounces chocolate (melted, cooled slightly)

1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup mashed bananas
1/2 cup buttermilk

Sift the dry ingredients together. Cream shortening with sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add chocolate; mix well. Add vanilla. Stir. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with bananas and buttermilk (small amounts each time), beating well after each addition. Bake in layer pans for 30 to 35 minutes at 350°. Frost with your favorite frosting.

CHOCOLATE MINT BARS

1/2 c. butter
2 ozs. unsweetened chocolate
1/2 c. sifted flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. chopped nutmeats
2 tbsp. soft butter
1 c. sifted icing sugar
1 tbsp. cream

1/4 tsp. peppermint extract

green food coloring

1 oz. unsweetened chocolate

Melt 1/2 c. butter and 2 ozs. chocolate over boiling water; cool. Sift together flour, salt, and baking powder. Beat eggs until light; beat in sugar gradually. Stir in flour mixture, chocolate mixture and nuts. Spread batter in buttered 8" square pan. Bake at 350°, 20-25 minutes. Cool.

Cream 2 tbsp. butter; gradually blend in icing sugar alternately with cream. Blend in peppermint extract. Tint a delicate green. Spread on cooled cake. Melt 1 oz. chocolate over boiling water; drizzle over icing. Cut into 24 bars.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR MAY

SWEDISH TEA COOKIES

1 c. butter or margarine
2/3 c. sugar
3 egg yolks
2 1/2 c. sifted flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 c. ground blanched almonds
1/2 tsp. vanilla
Blanched almond halves

Cream butter and sugar together thoroughly. Blend in unbeaten egg yolks. Stir in flour, salt, almonds and flavoring. Work mixture with hands until smooth. Roll dough 1/8" to 1/4" thick and cut into desired shapes. Top with an almond half, and bake at 400° for about 8-10 min. or until a very

light brown. This dough may be shaped into 1" balls and flattened with a fork, or forced through a cookie press. □

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NOTES FOR

Now pack skirts, dresses, etc., using as few folds as possible; pack shirts collar up for one and collar down for the next. Button up jackets and pack face down. Finally, pack bathrobe and nightwear on top for easy access. NOTE: Do not put cigarette lighters, perishables, money, your passport or other valuables in your checked luggage. Toilet articles can go in your overnight bag.

WHAT TO WEAR ON THE PLANE

Choose something comfortable in a wrinkle-resistant fabric. Don't wear a tight girdle or new shoes on any trip.

Forget that heavy cosmetic case. Instead apply your usual make-up just before boarding. Try wearing a thin film of moisture-control cream; it will keep your foundation and lipstick fresh-looking and make them last longer. You can freshen up just before arrival with the few basic supplies you carry in your purse.

Those little "pillows" of hand lotion and special tissues which replace cleansing cream will prove very handy. If you're flying at night, try using a pinker shade of powder—it's more flattering in the night lights.

SPECIAL SERVICES

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

If your child is under 2 years old and does not occupy a separate seat (sits in your lap) the fare is free.

Children between 2 and 12 years, or infants occupying their own seat fly for 50% of the published adult fare and have adult luggage allowance, and no attention is too much. Actually, children are wonderful travelers, and stewardesses try to make them completely happy and completely relaxed.

Each plane carries a supply of ear cotton, baby bottles, bibs, rubber nipples, safety pins, disposable diapers, powder and creams, bottle brushes, formula heaters, baby sheets and pillow cases—even baby foods if you forget to bring yours.

Arrangements can be made to have children looked after while you go through customs.

FOR THE BIG ONES

Service is not limited to children. Any passenger who needs special food (infant, diabetic, low-calorie, vegetarian, Kosher) need only let the airline know in advance and it will be arranged.

CLIMATE

What you take depends on where you're going and at what time of year. Scandinavia in the summer is delightful . . . Never hot and humid. Spring and Fall brings sunny days and cool nights. Even winter is pleasant since so much of Scandinavia is warmed by the Gulf Stream.

TIPPING

Tipping abroad is very simple. Most hotels and restaurants add a "service" charge of 10% to 15%. This appears on your bill. If you feel that the service has been especially helpful, then add 3% to 5% additional tip.

Porters and bell-boys usually receive about twenty-five cents for each piece of luggage handled. If the load is a very heavy one, tip a bit more. Since theatre and movie ushers (on the Continent) receive no other payment, it is usual to tip about 12% to 15% of the admission charge. Tip cab drivers 20% of the meter.

SHOPPING ABROAD

Leave room in your luggage for the things you'll buy in Europe. You'll find the best shopping values are the products that are specialties of the country you're visiting.

For instance, in Scandinavia you'll find tremendous buys in silver, modern furniture, crystal, clothes, furs, watches and cameras. Don't buy from street vendors or peddlers. You'll get better values from established shops. If you plan to buy clothes, take measurements with you. Sizes differ from country to country and sometimes from city to city, however, try things on whenever possible.

CANADA CUSTOMS RESIDENTS OF CANADA . . . AFTER 12 DAYS' ABSENCE

(In calculating the 12 days, do not count the day of departure from Canada).

If . . . goods are acquired outside continental North America, they may be shipped or mailed separately if they are declared at your first port of arrival.

You can, once in each calendar year, claim one duty free entry of articles up to a value of \$100.

You can't combine this with any other exemption.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ALLOWANCES

If you meet the minimum age requirements of the liquor laws of the province in which you clear Customs.

If, the goods are carried in hand or checked baggage.

You can, with the \$100 exemption, include in your exemption the following quantities: alcoholic beverages—liquor or wine or liqueurs or any combination of these—40 ounces (1.1365 litres), or beer or ale—24 pints (288 Imp. oz), tobacco allowance—200 cigarettes and 50 cigars and 2 lbs of tobacco (if you are at least 16 years of age).

You can't import any alcoholic products in excess of the quantity allowed until a permit is obtained from the provincial authorities (alcohol imported under permit is subject to regular duty and taxes). BUT THAT'S NOT ALL . . .

We have attempted to outline your exemptions. Whether or not you claim them, there is nothing to stop you from bringing back any quantity of goods provided you are prepared to pay the appropriate duty and taxes.

Apart from your exemptions, if you have been absent 48 hours or more, they will give you a special rate of 25% on the first \$100 worth of goods you bring back. This rate does not apply to tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or to goods not carried in hand or checked baggage.

GIFT PROVISION

You may, while abroad, send casual gifts (except advertising matter, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages) free of duty and taxes to friends in Canada, providing the value of the gifts does not exceed \$10 in Canadian funds. Gifts valued in excess of \$10 in any one case, are subject to regular duty and taxes.

Above all, remember that you must declare to customs everything you acquire while abroad, and also goods bought at Canadian duty-free shops before your departure that you will be returning with.

REMEMBER THESE

RESTRICTIONS

We're sorry . . . but you can't bring back a Pistol, Revolver or Automatic Weapon without a permit to do so from your local police Authorities. Certain Weapons are

prohibited entry and if you're thinking of importing any, you should check with your Customs office on this before leaving Canada.

You might also talk to Customs about the prohibitions existing on the entry of used or second-hand automobiles. These prohibitions apply even if you are willing to pay the duty and taxes required, but Customs can explain the few cases where such autos are allowed importation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your exemption is as personal as your thumbprint. It may not be transferred or pooled with another person's to cover one article. Goods claimed under your exemption may be gifts or items for your personal use, but they may not be entered for sale or for use in business.

Everyone, even a babe in arms, is entitled to an exemption. Parents or guardians may act for claimants unable to read and write. PROVIDED that the goods claimed are for the personal use of the dependent alone, and not for the general or household use of the family.

BEFORE YOU GO . . . have all valuable items you plan to take with you such as cameras, boats, motors, trailers, etc. identified by local Customs or at the Port of exit. It will make things easier for you when you return.

TO CONFIRM YOUR CLAIM—please retain all receipts for purchases, accommodation and services for presentation to Customs if requested. This will provide evidence that the statutory 'absence from Canada' and other requirements in the guide have been met.

REGULATIONS OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS

AGRICULTURE:

The Department of Agriculture is responsible for protecting Canadian farm and forest industries from the introduction of pests and diseases injurious to plants and animals.

These pests and diseases may hitch-hike in or on the plants or animals you transport from country to country. This could cause serious loss to the farm and forest industries and to our export markets. Consequently all plants, animals and their unprocessed byproducts and related material are either prohibited or restricted entry into Canada, without prior authority.

Applications for authority to import (1) plants and (2) animals and their by-products, should be sent to (1) the Plant Protection Division or (2) the Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

All articles of a plant or animal nature must be declared and presented to Customs for inspection, regardless of how free of pests or diseases they appear to be.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

If you are returning from an overseas country, you may be asked to produce a duly validated International Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination against Smallpox and/or Cholera and/or Yellow Fever when you return to Canada. The Certificate can only be validated at the office of your local Medical Health Officer (who is usually located in the city or town hall) or at offices of the Medical Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare, prior to your departure from Canada.

We suggest that you acquaint yourself with the vaccination requirements of countries you propose to visit, by contacting your local travel agent or one of the offices mentioned above. □

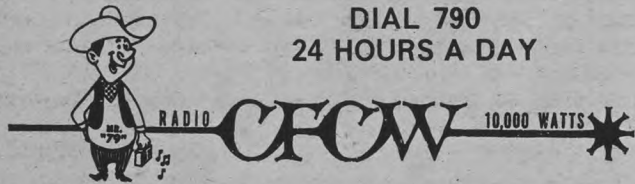
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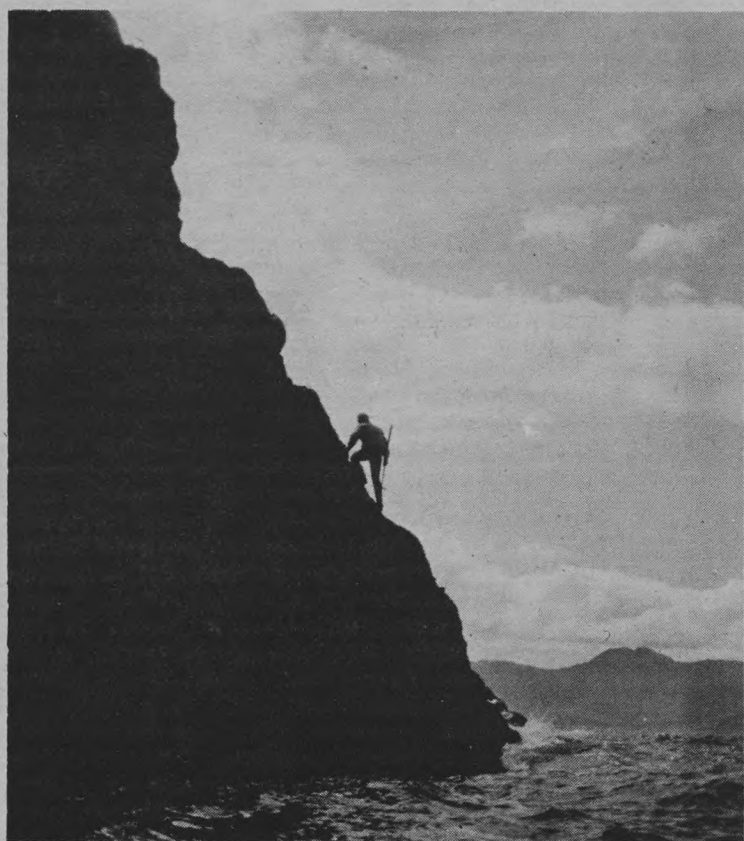
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Denmark's fascinating Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic are ideal for people who want "to get away from it all" and enjoy unspoiled nature. (Photo: Danish National Tourist Office, 505 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017).

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FAROE ISLANDS

secure private overnight accommodations both in Torshavn and in several of the larger villages, provided you are not too insistent on modern conveniences, at a price of about \$4.00 per night per person. Summer cottages can also be rented. Torshavn also has a Youth Hostel with 32 beds (about \$1.00 per night). Bookings can be made through the Tourist Office in Torshavn. There is no organized camping ground on the islands. Tents can be put up subject to the landowner's approval.

RESTAURANTS

There are a few restaurants on the islands but meals are mostly served in the hotels and guest houses. Breakfast about 60¢ to \$1.00. Dinner or Supper \$1.00 to \$2.50.

PASSPORT, VISA AND CUSTOMS

Visitors from abroad must be in possession of a valid passport. The Faroes have their own currency—Kroner—and the rate of exchange follows Danish currency.

Duty free you may bring in—when you are over 20 years of age—200 cigarettes or 250 grammes of tobacco, 3/4 litres of spirits and 1 litre of wine.

Remember: No alcoholic drinks, wine or strong beer can be bought on the islands, either in shops or hotels/restaurants.

LOCAL TRAVEL FACILITIES

Considering the many islands, it is evident that most journeys must be carried out by sea, and this is done by 12 ferries and mail boats.

You can rent a car but remember that you must either extend your insurance policy to be valid for the Faroes or upon arrival get a new insurance policy from a local insurance company, e.g. for 10 days this costs about \$7.00.

GUIDED TOURS

A variety of guided tours during the summer are available to many places of interest. Contact the Tourist and Information Bureau in Torshavn.

WHAT TO DO

When planning your stay on the islands you should always have two alternate daily programs on account of the weather changes, one based on visits to the eastern islands and one for the western

islands.

Torshavn—2 1/2-hour city tour including museum visit.

Tour to Klaksvig, lively tour with real Faroe life.

A 5-hour excursion to Saksun, uniquely situated.

All-day tour to Eidi, scenic beauty.

All-day tour of Mykines for bird watching (weather very unreliable).

Boat trips, fishing tours, bird watcher tours, mountain walks, beach tour to Sandur, etc.

It is natural to start or end your Faroe trip in Copenhagen and then combine the trip with a visit to Iceland and Denmark's arctic island of Greenland.

For further information and reservation contact Føroya Ferðamannafelag Tourist Information and Travel Bureau, 3800 Torshavn, Faroe Islands. Cable address Tourist. Telephone 12277, Telex 81240. They will be happy to assist you with your reservations for accommodations, meals, excursions, package tours, etc.

P. S. All prices given above are subject to alteration. □

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S/N CULTURE

delight in the lefse samples I bring along. Here is a list of the schools I have recently been to:

1. Donnan Elementary, 7803 - 87 St. It was here that one of the students presented me with a silver spoon with "Donnan" inscribed on it, along with an autographed card. At recess, rosettes were passed around made by a Norwegian friend of the teacher.

2. Lendrum Elementary, 9955 - 114 St., where two classrooms got together. I received a beautiful "thank you" letter with all their autographs, too.

3. McLeod Elementary, where three classrooms (90 pupils) were gathered together in a smaller auditorium.

4. On April 25 another request for a display is planned for Holyrood Elementary, 7920 - 94 Ave.

5. On April 29 for St. Joan's Elementary, 9359 - 67A St.

I had a request from the teacher, along with six other letters from pupils, requesting information of different subjects pertaining to Norway. No date has

been set, yet.

For Feb. 22 I was requested to have a display for the Annual Teachers' Convention. That was held at Ross Shepherd High School. About 14 other countries participated in putting up displays as well.

Agnes Burt is continuing to teach the Norwegian language. There are 10-12 regular attenders. Lately, they had one lesson at the home of Robert and Agnes Burt followed by coffee and some good Norwegian baking like krumkaker, Julekaker and other delicacies.

Rosamaling is still held Thursdays at the home of Harry Huser. Those participating are coming up with some interesting and artistic work on their articles, like bread board, platters, etc.

The Sewing Club have met more frequently, to catch up with the heavy winter, when they didn't meet. They have several projects going: Some are busy doing "Crewel" embroidery on their costumes, just recently received from Norway. Others with "Akle" embroidery on their "klokkestrong" (Bell-pull) and cushions. Plans are being made for their annual bazaar.

I am sorry to announce the folk dancing didn't get going as was planned, however, there is still spark, thanks to the efforts of Sonja Krogen and the tiny folk. We are promised a performance for "Syttende Mai".

The Scandinavian Queen Contest is coming up. Check this issue for qualifications for the contest. Please phone Margaret Cameron regarding entries—455-2064. □

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MULTICULTURALISM

because the majority of Canadians, irrespective of racial origin, are exposed to the English language as a matter of course. But it must be remembered that the English language is the product of centuries of British culture which includes the English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh cultures. All these separate cultures have added their own unique dimension to the English language and it is becoming more and more universal.

These are important considerations whenever we discuss the subjects of Canadian unity and Canadian identity, both of which must be influenced by our multicultural heritage. The contributions that Canadians of non-English and non-French origin have made to the development of our various artistic and cultural activities are very impressive.

I wish to emphasize that the recently established national citizenship policy should serve to increase a sense of belonging to, and participating in, the Canadian experiment of building and shaping a new nation. As a matter of national policy, we are embarking upon a voyage of re-discovery of the linguistic and cultural values that our forebears brought with them from many countries of the world. All Canadians, except Indians and Eskimos, are immigrants or descendants of immigrants to Canada. Everyone in Canada, therefore, belongs to one or more ethnic group and everyone has an equal right to be proud of their racial heritage.

By reason of our origins, we are provided with many treasure chests which are ours to explore, understand and appreciate. This exploration can lead to an exciting adventure for all Canadians. We have become more tolerant and, in that respect, more mature. The terms, "foreigners" and "new Canadians", are no longer applied to people because of their colour, racial background, or the fact that

they speak a third language. They belong to Canada and Canada belongs to them.

In considering the true meaning of multiculturalism, which is a purely Canadian concept, we must ask ourselves how we, as Canadians, can participate in and contribute to this new official approach to a problem with which we have struggled for over one hundred years. It means different things to different people. Unfortunately, it may mean nothing to some individuals because they cannot grasp its significance in terms of helping to build a stronger and more united Canada. They view it as a divisive influence. They seem unable to understand the unifying force that is generated by the official recognition and acceptance of multiculturalism as an important fact of modern Canadian history and present-day life. Our attitude should be tolerant, flexible and sensitive—not dogmatic, rigid and critical.

It is important for us of Icelandic or partly Icelandic descent to remember that, from the very first days of their arrival one hundred years ago, the Icelandic people were committed to the preservation of their ancient and honoured heritage. Furthermore, by common consent, it was agreed that this objective would be steadfastly pursued and accomplished within a Canadian context. This, they declared, was the basis of good Canadian citizenship. But, when we are speaking about Icelandic culture, we must bear in mind that we are not dealing entirely with a completely indigenous national product. Icelanders have always been great travellers. The European influence has always been important. The love of books has been characteristic of the Icelandic people from earliest days. Icelanders are great readers of foreign books and many can read them in the original languages. But Icelandic culture is not limited to language and great literature, prose or poetry. Sculpture, painting, fine jewelry, the creation of beautiful national costumes, and the cooking of food are also important. Also included is folklore that deals with sea monsters, outlaws and the "huldufolk", or "hidden people", who are said to live exactly like all Icelanders; they attend Church and raise sheep but are invisible except under very strange circumstances. Haraldur Olafson said, in a recent roundtable discussion in Iceland, that "culture also refers to how we (in Iceland) went about surviving in this country".

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NORWAY-AMERICA

• awards of scholarships and placement of trainees

Priority is given to scholarships and trainee programs.

According to the latest available annual report, the Association had close to 600 individual members and 166 corporate members at the end of 1972. In 1972 the Association awarded or arranged for scholarships totaling approximately \$100,000 to Norwegians for further studies in the United States. Trainees received a total remuneration of approximately \$109,000.

The office staff has always been a modest one, at present consisting of a Director and a Secretary, plus additional part-time secretarial help.

The secretariat of the Association is located at Drammensveien 20, Oslo 1, Norway. □

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DANISH CHURCH HISTORY

the centre of a large clearing, the scouts silently surveyed the scene which stretched before their eyes. Here and there were small clumps of willows and poplars. On the edges of the clearing were clusters of spruce and pine trees. At the fringes of these evergreens, deer could be seen chewing their cuds. Rabbits and grouse scurried through the knee-high grass. Off to the west, the Rocky Mountains stood like silent sentinels guarding this vast wilderness. (8)

With the agricultural acumen not at all astonishing for bricklayers and cyclesmiths, the scouts ceased their survey. Certain that knee-high grass did not grow out of rocky soil, the two men headed for home eager to spread the news about the Promised Land. They were blissfully ignorant of the fact that the tall grass through which they had walked was nothing but slough grass. (9)

During the remainder of the winter, the little band of future pioneers held many meetings in their homes in Omaha. The report of the scouts was convincing. The centre of attraction at these meetings was a map of the Township which had been assigned to them and which they planned to colonize. To insure harmony in the "Land of the Future", lots were drawn to determine each man's plot of land. (10)

Nevertheless, all was not well in the Land of the Present. When the older members of Pella Lutheran saw that these young dreamers were determined to go through with their wild plans, they launched a vigorous campaign to discourage this folly. But the tide was running strong and would not be turned. Nor were the young people unaware of the awesome prospects of leaving friends and families. Neither were they blind to the fact that they would be without a church in their new environment. Upon their pastor's suggestion, they organized the Pella Congregation of Alberta at an impressive ceremony in February of 1903, at the home of Carl Christiansen in Omaha. (11) The theme which dominated the forming of this first congregation in what was to become the West Canada District of the UELC is found in the Scripture where it says: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (12)

The northward exodus to the Promised Land began in the early spring of 1903. Three men climbed aboard two boxcars packed full of all their earthly possessions and waved farewell to friends and families in Omaha. (13) Eleven travel-weary days later, they began to unload at Innisfail, Alberta. Heading west on their laden wagons towards the Promised Land they became more and more convinced that this land was indeed "flowing"—but not with "milk and honey". Never had they seen so much water so far away from the ocean. The clearing which had so enthralled the land scouts of the previous year stretched placidly before them, under two feet of water, and the tall slough grass was rustling in the breeze. The few knolls which were above the water became the home-sites of these first pio-

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(8) Ibid., p. 4. (dt)

(9) Ibid. (dt)

(10) Ibid. (dt)

(11) Hansen, op. cit., p. 3. Cf. C. M. Christiansen, "Dickson Church Thru 20 Years", Church and Home, XXIV, No. 13 (July 29, 1954), p. 1.

(12) Dickson, pp. 4-5. (dt)

(13) Ibid., p. 6. (dt)

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DANISH CHURCH

neers. (14)

During the course of the next few weeks and months, the little settlement was enlarged by the arrival of others from the Omaha area. Although it was a busy summer for the settlers their spiritual life was not neglected. Each Sunday they gathered in their tents and log cabins to hear a sermon read from a book, and to raise their voices to God in prayer and well-known hymns. (15) All agreed it would certainly be better to have a pastor in their midst to preach the Word and administer the sacraments. Accordingly, a call was sent in 1903 to Pastor Gumund Grill of Neola, Iowa. But despite the fact that he had taken out a homestead in the Colony when he visited there during the summer, he did not accept the call. (16) A second call was therefore sent. This time it went to Pastor J. C. Gundesen from Menomonie, Wisconsin. He accepted. (17)

It would have been most interesting to review this letter of call, its conditions, and its promises. But this writer has been unable to recover any of its details. How much may we surmise from the fact that Pastor Gundesen, upon his arrival, took out a homestead and began to erect a house. (18)

Another fact which has eluded all research is the precise date the new settlement came to be called Dickson. In an article written by Pastor Gundesen from "Danskere", a publication of the UDELIC* Synod, it is evident that the settlement had this name by 1904. Pastor Gundesen writes:

It was on the birthday of the Danish king in 1904 that I received the letter of call from the Dickson congregation in Alberta, Canada. I arrived on September first of the same year, and on the eleventh day of the same month I conducted my first service in the home of L. B. Christensen. Nine members were present, the others being out of the settlement, working in Calgary or on various railroad section gangs. (19)

The first Sunday School in Dickson was organized on October 2, 1904. There were two teachers, the pastor and layman Fred Petersen. The total enrollment was five pupils, of which four were the pastor's own children. By the following year, the enrollment had increased to 18. (20)

December 18, 1904 marked the first Sunday that the Dickson congregation had a specific house of worship, the pastor's house. (21) Prior to this time, the services had been conducted in various homes. On May 28, 1905, the first three confirmands, a Swede, a Norwegian and a Dane, publicly confessed their faith. The same day also marked the first baptism in the Dickson congregation. (22) The first members were officially taken into membership on October 22, 1905. At that time 19 names were listed; by year's end, a further addition of six swelled the total membership to 25. At the Christ-

mas service of this same year 74 people, young and old, squeezed into the parsonage to hear the familiar Gospel and to sing their favorite Christmas hymns. (23) This was an indication to the pastor that there was a real mission here for him as a servant of God. It was also realized that there would soon be need for a larger house of worship.

A vigorous church program with Sunday School, adult Bible class, and mid-week prayer meetings was launched. Most of these meetings were well attended. Undoubtedly many people came for the sake of sociability alone and all too little concern for spiritual edification. Pastor Gundesen writes:

It is of vast importance what sort of people form the nucleus of a settlement. That so many of God's children have come to this place is one of those things which we can only attribute to His guidance and direction. But there are also those people among us who need to accept the Master's invitation when He says, "If anyone thirsts let him come unto me." (24)

After the first two years of struggle, the pioneers were mutually agreed that their Promised Land, despite its many swampy spots, was pregnant with possibilities. It was no longer only a dream of the young. It was a reality, their own land at last. But as is often the way with reality, it was sometimes harsh and hard. The first yield from the virgin land was far from spectacular. Still there had been a seed-time and a harvest of sorts. (25) But of equal importance, if not more so, there had been seedtime and harvest in the spiritual realm. The same hand which had "brought them up out of that land to a good and broad land" was the hand that continued to guide these pioneers in their faith and in their fortitude.

In February of 1906 Dickson got its own post office. (26) This historic event gave the Colony added prestige, and apparently contributed to an increase in the population. It thus became quite clear that a larger place of worship was a most pressing matter. Pastor Gundesen's house could no longer accommodate all the worshippers. (27)

It was therefore generally agreed that a church was desperately needed and soon. On this point—but only on this point—was there any real agreement. When the members of the congregation came together to decide upon an exact site for the church building, there was discord. When the leadership necessary for this project was to be selected there was more discord, and much dissension. The ultimate outcome was not the building of one church, but instead the forming of two separate congregations. (28) Pastor Gundesen was the unfortunate victim of the two factions. For a little over a year, he attempted to bring peace and harmony back to the settlement. He was pastor to both group but leader of neither. (29) The rivalry became so acute that Pastor Gundesen was forced to tender his resignation. (30) This left both congregations without a pastor and without a church.

Perhaps it was because of their mutual needs that the light of brotherly love brought both

factions to heel and effected a reconciliation. Both needed a church. Neither could finance it by themselves. (31) So they joined forces and re-organized. The new congregation took the name of Bethany Lutheran Church of Dickson. A church site was agreed upon (where the church still stands today). (32)

The leadership problem was resolved by selecting a new-comer from Chicago, S. P. Lonneberg, as their president. (33) To insure that no further splits would occur the new congregation had a very impressive dedication service. On October 13, 1907 the Synodical President of the UDELIC, Pastor P. M. Pedersen, dedicated the building site and the cemetery of Bethany Lutheran Church. (34) Until they could call another pastor, Pastor Gundesen consented to serve their needs as interim pastor. (35) As though to express approval and confidence in the decision of their elders, the young people of Dickson formally organized on October 27, 1907, as the Bethany Young People's Union. (36)

Although it is difficult to establish the exact date of their formation, the Senior Choir and the Ladies Aid were organized very shortly after Bethany congregation came into being. (37)

The Constitution of Bethany Lutheran Church was adopted on January 10, 1908, with all 21 men of the congregation giving their approval. (38) At this time, the congregation applied for, and was received into, membership in the UDELIC. It was added to the roster of congregations of the North Dakota District. (39) During the same year Pastor J. G. V. Magnussen accepted the call to come to Bethany. (40) His salary was to be \$350 per annum plus the offering from each of the three great Church festivals, in addition to free parsonage and firewood. But his Letter of Call stipulated that he could not expect to receive free hay for his horses. (41)

During these formative years, 1908-1911, a Missionary Society was formed with 33 members. This Society made contributions to the Lutheran Mission among the Mormons in Salt Lake City, Utah. (42) Mission work closer to home was also remembered when it was decided to contribute \$50 towards mission work amongst the

(31) Christiansen, op. cit., p. 10.

(32) Ibid.

(33) Dickson, p. 20. (dt)

(34) A. N., "Bethany Young Peoples Society", Church and Home, XXIV, No. 13 (July 29, 1954) p. 10. Hereafter referred to as Young.

(35) Dickson, p. 20. (dt)

(36) Young.

(37) Christiansen, op. cit., p. 10.

(38) P. C. Jensen, "History of the North Dakota District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A Brief Account of the First 30 Years (Danish Period)". First chapter in A History of the North Dakota-Montana District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church 1901-1960, p. 12. Edited by E. H. Nielsen. Hereafter referred to as North Dakota.

* United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1896-1945.

(39) Bethany Lutheran House of Worship History 1911-1961. Unpublished mimeographed brochure gleaned from the congregation's records, p. 1. Hereafter referred to as Bethany.

(40) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2. Cf. Christiansen, op. cit., p. 10.

(41) Dickson, p. 37. (dt) Cf. Bethany, p. 2.

(42) Dickson, p. 37. (dt)

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Danes who were living in Calgary. The Dickson pastor was to have one service at Calgary every month. (43)

Evidence as to the date of the actual construction of Bethany Church is contradictory. However, two sources, whose credentials appear most reliable to this writer, consist of excerpts taken from the congregation's Minute Book and from the memoirs of S. P. Lonneberg. These sources place the actual construction of the church 1910-1911. The following is an excerpt from S. P. Lonneberg's Memoirs, written in 1945:

In the winter of 1907-08 we had one of the mildest winters which we have ever experienced. Some of the congregation's menfolk went into the woods to cut trees for lumber. The railroad had given us permission to take 20,000 board feet free of charge for our church building.

The following year we built the parsonage. This was constructed by voluntary labor from the people of the settlement.

Despite poverty and many other troubles we continued to strive forward. A church must be built, but no one had any money.

But love found the solution. Most people had some cattle. It was therefore decided that each man should contribute a steer-calf. These calves were fattened during the summer; when fall came they were sold. The lot of them brought in a tidy sum to the building fund.

Pastor Magnussen, who had in the meantime relieved Pastor Gundesen of his duties, took a tour to the U.S.A. By visiting many congregations he managed to raise \$600 for

(43) Ibid. (dt)

the building fund.

The church was built by a tradesman in 1911 and still graces the landscape at Dickson today. (44)

An excerpt from the Minute Book of Bethany congregation, dated January 10, 1910, reads as follows:

President Lonneberg reminded us of God's blessings. The tenders for the church building were opened. Lonneberg and Lundgren bid \$432, and Henry Larsen bid \$424. Larsen's bid was accepted. (45)

In the light of this evidence the assumption that the church building was begun in 1910 and completed in the following year seems sound.

By this time the Dickson Colony had grown to the point where all the available homesteads were occupied. (46) One hundred and forty-two Danes were reported to be living in Dickson in 1911, but forty-two of these had taken homesteads in an area west of Dickson called Kevisville. (47) A Lutheran congregation was organized there on November 1, 1912. Its official name was Immanuel Danish Evangelical Lutheran congregation. (48) The congregation was not very large, some 10-15 members, but nevertheless they sought synodical affiliation in May of 1913. (49) Throughout its entire existence, the Kevisville congregation was always served by the Dickson pastors and was considered an annex of the Bethany congregation. (50)

(To be continued)

(44) Dickson, pp. 20-21. (dt)

(45) Bethany, p. 2.

(46) Dickson, p. 25. (dt)

(47) Ibid., p. 37. (dt)

(48) Congregation Minute Book of Immanuel Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kevisville, Alberta, p. 13. Hereafter referred to as Immanuel. (dt)

(49) Ibid.

(50) Jensen letter, op. cit., p. 2.

(14) Ibid., p. 8. (dt)

(15) Ibid., p. 13. (dt)

(16) P. C. Jensen, UELIC Synodical historian, letter to H. Madsen, January 26, 1964, p. 1.

(17) Ibid.; cf. Dickson, pp. 15-16 (dt); cf. Hansen, loc. cit.

(18) Dickson, p. 16. (dt)

(19) J. C. Gundesen, article in "Danskere". Quoted in Dickson, p. 16. (dt)

(20) Ibid. (dt)

(21) Ibid., p. 17. (dt)

(22) Ibid. (dt)

(23) Ibid. (dt)

(24) Ibid. (dt)

(25) Ibid., p. 12. (dt)

(26) Ibid., p. 18. (dt)

(27) Ibid., p. 20. (dt)

(28) Christiansen, op. cit., p. 1.

(29) Ibid.

(30) Dickson, p. 20. (dt)